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Chess Journalist of America Award Winning Newsletter

Arshaq Saleem (L) and Joseph Wan (R) receiving their Closed prize from Eric Vigil (M)

July 7-8 Des Moines Open (IASCA GP Qualifier) FIDE-Rated US CHESS GRAND PRIX POINTS: 15 (ENHANCED). US Chess Junior Grand Prix. **5-SS; G/90+30.** Two Sections: Open and Reserve U1600. Holiday Inn 6111 Fleur Drive, Des Moines, IA 50321. 515.287.2400. **HR:** $99. **Rds:** Saturday 10:00 AM, 2:30 PM; 7:00 PM. Sunday 9:00 AM, 2:00 PM. **EF:** Open $60 before July 5, $70 on site. Reserve (U1600): $45 before July 5, $50 on site **On-site registration** 8:30-9:45am on Saturday July 7th or pay on-line by July 5th at **Onlineregistration.cc** USCF membership required. On site and available. IASCA membership required: $10 regular, $25 patron. On-site available. Other states accepted. **Prizes:** Open section **$1500** b/30 entries. Top 3 guaranteed. $500,$300 & $200; U200-$150-$100; U1800-150-100. Reserve Section **$1000** b/25 entries. Top 3 guaranteed. $250, $175 & $125; U1400-$125-$100; U1200-$125-$100. Contact Bill Broich by phone at (515) 205-8062 or email bill@dsmchess.com. **Additional info:** USCF rating used for pairings and prizes. USCF July supplement used for ratings. FIDE rules apply. FIDE rule 11.3 enforced with regards to electronic devices. **Byes:** One 1/2 point bye if requested 1 hour prior to the start of the round. $99 Hotel rate, if reserved by **June 15th**

2018 CRCC Chess Workshop
The Cedar Rapids Chess Club (CRCC) is honored to host the 2018 CRCC Chess Workshop. Presented by FIDE and Senior US Masters Alex Betaneli and Erik Santarius, this two-day workshop is open to players rated USCF 1100 and above or age 13 and older. This two-day workshop runs from 10 am to 4 pm, Saturday and Sunday. Workshop activities will focus on strategy and tactics through individual and group analysis. Alex and Erik often use their own games and describe their preparation before the game, thinking during the game, and what they learned following its conclusion.

EVENING QUICK CHESS TOURNAMENT
An evening, 7 round, Game/10 d2 Quick Chess Tournament with $200 in cash prizes will be held Saturday at 6:30 pm, free to chess workshop participants.

REGISTRATION
Registration is $99 for the two-day training with a one day (Sat or Sun), $65 option. You may register by email to James Hodina at james.hodina@chessiniowa.org. Checks may be made to "Chess in Iowa", c/o James Hodina, 3411 Blue Pointe Ct. SW, Cedar Rapids, IA 52404. Phone 319-432-1459 or email james.hodina@chessiniowa.org. Electronic invoice and payment with PayPal is also an available payment option.

LOCATION
The chess workshop will be held at the Hotel at Kirkwood located at 7725 Kirkwood Blvd SW, Cedar Rapids, IA 52404. The Kirkwood Hotel is the former host site for the Iowa Closed Championship and Class Championship. Call (877) 751-5111 for overnight room reservations. A chess rate of $112 is offered while rooms remain available. Additional hotel options are nearby.

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US Chess Junior Grand Prix!
JULY 13-15 Kansas Open
US CHESS GRAND PRIX POINTS: 6
Site: Clarion Hotel, 12601 W. 95th St., Lenexa, KS. 3 sections: (7/14 and 7/15) 5SS, G/120 d5. **Prizes:** $2070 b/80 non-scholastic rate entries, **Open**(all): $350-250-150, U1900: $120. **Reserve**(U1800): $300-200-100, U1600: $75. **Amateur**(U1400): $250-150-75, U1200: $50. Clear or tiebreak winner $25 bonus to top KS resident in each section. **EF:** $45 mailed by 7/7, $55 thereafter. **Special:** $10 discount for advance entry into both KS Open + Blitz, $10 entry fee for Scholastics, not competing for cash, but for awards in Reserve or Amateur (and Blitz). Free Scholastic entry for some who competed in Kansas state scholastic championship in March (see website) www.kansaschess.org **Reg.:** 7/14 8:00-9:30am. **Rds.:** 7/14: 10-2:30-7, 7/15: 9:30-2:00. **KANSAS BLITZ CHESS: 1 section:** (7/13), 5-double-round swiss system, G/5 d0. **Prizes:** $580 b/40 non-scholastic rate entries, $200-120-80, U2100 - $60, U1800 - $60, U1500/Unrated - $60. **EF:** $25 if mailed by 7/7, $35 thereafter. $10 entry fee for all Scholastics not competing for cash. **Reg.:** 7/13 6-6:45pm. **Rds.:** 7:00, 7:30, 8, 8:30, 9. **KANSAS BUGHOUSE: 1 section:** (7/13) 4pm. (details-see website) **HR:** Clarion Hotel reservation at 913-217-1000. KCA Memb. req'd for all Kansas residents ($7 adult, $5 Sch.) participating in any Kansas Open event. Other states welcome. See website for full details: www.kansaschess.org. **Ent:** Laurence Coker, 8013 W. 145th St., Overland Park, KS 66223. Make Checks payable to "Kansas Chess Association." – Ph: 913-851-1583, e-mail: wlcoker7@hotmail.com.

Aug. 19 IASCA Iowa Open Blitz Fundraiser (BLZ)
FIDE Rated! Live Polka Band 3-5pm. 6 rounds double swiss system, G/5 d2 seconds. Millstream Brewery, 835 48th Ave., Amana, IA 52203. **Prizes**: Paper Certificate 1st thru 5th, U1800 U1600 u1400, u1200 u1000 and best upset game. **REG**.: Ends 15 min before round 1. Rds.: Sun 1:00pm then ASAP. **EF**: $15. **ENT**: Eric Vigil, 445 Galway Dr., Iowa City, IA 52246, evigil@gmail.com, 319-621-3116. Entry Fee raising money to offset Iowa Open operating expenses.

2018 Iowa Quick Chess Championship
A State Championship Event!
Aug. 24, 2018 Iowa Quick Chess Championship (QC) Open to all. 6-SS, G/10 d3. Marriott Hotel and Conference Center, 300 E 9th St. (I-80, SE side of Exit 242), Coralville, IA 52241. **Reg.:** 6 - 6:45 pm or in advance. **Rds.:** 7:00pm, 7:30, 8:00, 8:30, 9:00, 9:30. **EF:** $25 if postmarked by 8/20; $35 On Site; $5 off if out of state. IM and GM Free (EF deducted) **Prize Info:** $400 in PRIZES 1st = $120+Trophy 2nd = $80 U2000 = $50, U1700 = $50, U1500 = $50, U1300 = $50 (Based on 30 entries). **US Chess Federation (USCF) membership required.** On-Site Available. **Send Entry Fee to:** IASCA, c/o Mark Capron, 3123 Juniper Dr., Iowa City, IA 52245. or Register online at https://onlineregistration.cc/ **Additional Info:** The Marriott Hotel and Conference Center, Chess rate available, $103 (**INCLUDES PARKING**) only until 8/8/18, rates may increase after this date. Pool, restaurant, more restaurants in walking distance. 319-688-4000.

64th Iowa Open Championship
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A Heritage Event!
Aug 25-26. 64th Iowa Open Championship (USCF & FIDE Rated) IASCA GP Super Qualifier. 5-SS, G/90, i30. Accelerated pairings may be used in Rounds 1-2. IASCA Super GP Qualifier. Marriott Hotel and Conference Center, 300 E 9th St. (I-80, SE side of Exit 242), Coralville, IA 52241. **Reg:** 8:30am and ends at 9:30am **Rds:** Sat 10:15, 2:30, & 7:30; Sun 9:30 & 2:30 **EF:** $62 if postmarked before 8/20; $75 at site. If rated under 1600 add $20. IM & GM free-EF deducted from any prize, Jrs. & Sr. $10 off, $10 off Out of state residents. **Prize Info:** Prizes: ($2500 b/65 Top 3 Gtd) $1000+T-400-200 U2200, U2000, U1800 200/100 each. **US Chess Federation (USCF) membership required.** On Site Available. **IASCA membership required**, ($10 regular, $25 patron or Out of State Accepted (OSA). On-Site Available. **Send Entry Fee to:** IASCA, c/o Mark Capron, 3123 Juniper Dr., Iowa City, IA 52245 or register online at **www.onlineregistration.cc** **Additional Info:** USCF and FIDE Rated!! Byes: Bye available Rounds 1-3 if requested one hour prior to start of round. Rounds 4-5 only if requested prior to tournament starting. USCF – August 2018 Rating List will be used for pairing purposes. FIDE rules will be used. Chess Magnet School JGP. Call 319-321-5435 or mcapron243@mchsi.com **Directions:** Take I-80 to exit 242, go south to 9th street, take a left and follow to the end of 9th street and you are there! The Marriott Hotel and Conference Center, Chess rate available, $103 (**INCLUDES PARKING**) only until 8/8/18, rates may increase after this date. Pool, restaurant, more restaurants in walking distance. 319-688- 4000.

Mixed Doubles will be available. Entry is $5 per person. Average rating of the male and female must be less than 2000. Scores will be based on percentage of each player with respect to their section (for example if you score 3 out of 5 you get an 60; if you score 3 out of 4 you get 75, etc). The RBO has 5 rounds, the Reserve has 4 rounds and the Open has 5 rounds. Prizes: 1st $70; 2nd $40; 3rd 20.

64th Iowa Open Reserve Championship
A State Championship Event!
Aug. 25. 2018 Iowa Reserve Championship
Open to U1800. 4-SS, G/45 i30. Marriott Hotel and Conference Center, 300 E 9th St. (I-80, SE side of Exit 242), Coralville, IA 52241. **Reg:** On site 8:30-9:30am **Rds:** Sat: 10:15, (Lunch) 1:30, 4:30, & 7:30. **EF:** $30 if postmarked by 8/20; $40 at Site; Jrs, Srs, and Out of State $5 Off. **Prize Info:** $505 in PRIZES 1st = $150+Trophy 2nd = $100 3rd = $75, U1450 = $60, U1250 = $60, U950 = 60. **US Chess Federation (USCF) membership required.** On-Site Available. **IASCA membership required**, $10 regular, $25 patron, Other States Accepted (OSA), On-Site Available. **Send Entry Fee to:** IASCA, c/o Mark Capron, 3123 Juniper Dr., Iowa City, IA 52245 or register online at **www.onlineregistration.cc** **Additional Info:** Marriott Hotel and Conference Center, 300 E 9th St. (I-80, SE side of Exit 242), Coralville, IA 52241 Chess rate available, $103 **(INCLUDES PARKING)** only until 8/8/18, rates may increase after this date. Pool, restaurant, more restaurants in walking distance. 319-688 - 4000. Chess Magnet School JGP.

Aug. 25, Rated Beginner Open (RBO)
Open to U1200 or Unrated. 5-SS, G/30 d5. Marriott Hotel and Conference Center, 300 E 9th St. (I-80, SE side of Exit 242), Coralville, IA 52241. **Reg:** 8:30 am to 9:30 am **Rds:** Saturday 10:15, 12, 1:30 and ASAP **EF:** $19 if postmarked before 8/20 $26 on site. $5 off for out of state. **Prize Info:** Trophies top 5 overall, U 1000, U800, U600, U400 and Unrated 1st and 2nd. 1st -3rd: Mother-Child teams. **US Chess Federation (USCF) membership required.** On-Site Available. **Send Entry Fee to:** IASCA, c/o Mark Capron, 3123 Juniper Dr., Iowa City, IA 52245 or register online at www.onlineregistration.cc Additional Info: The Marriott Hotel and Conference Center, Chess rate available, $103 (**INCLUDES PARKING**) only until 8/8/18, rates may increase after this date. Pool, restaurant, more restaurants in walking distance. 319-688- 4000.

US Chess Junior Grand Prix!
Sept. 21-23, 22-23 or 22 4th Golden Gopher Open
US CHESS GRAND PRIX POINTS: 60
GMs Alex Yermolinsky, Ashwin Jayaram, Denes Boros, Fidel Corrales, Timur Gareyev have confirmed to play! 5SS, G/90+30 (2-day option, rd-1 G/60 d5). 1-day U1000 section G/45 d5. University of Minnesota St. Paul Student Center, 2017 Buford Ave., St. Paul, MN 55108. **Prizes:** $10,000 (b/180, $5700 Guaranteed). **Open (FIDE):** (b/50) $1400-700-500-400. (1st prize fully guaranteed). U2300, U2200, U2100, U2000, U1900 each $400. **U1800:** (b/40) $650-325. U1700, U1600, U1500 each $325. **U1400:** (b/40) $500-250. U1300, U1200, U1100 each $250. **U1000 (1-day):** (b/50) $300- 150-75. U800, U600, U400 each $150. Top unrated: $150-100-75-50. **Mixed doubles:** $200 to top male/female team across sections. Unrated players are only eligible for unrated prizes in U1000 section. **EF:** Open-$100, U1800-$65, U1400-$50, U1000-$30. $10 late fee for registrations after 9/1/18. Online registration available at https://onlineregistration. cc/UMTC/GGO18.Free entry for current University of Minnesota Students, Faculty, and Staff. Free entries deducted from prizes. Reg.: 3-day Friday 6-7pm. 2-day Saturday 8-9am. 1-day Saturday 8-9:30am. **Rounds:** Friday: 7:30pm; Saturday 12pm, 5:30pm; Sunday: 10am, 3:30pm. (2-day rd-1: Saturday 9:30am, merge in rd-2). U1000 1-day section: Saturday 10am, 12pm, 2pm, 4pm, 6pm. Limit two half-point byes, none in rd-5. Class prizes based on 5 per class. Nearby hotels available at https://admissions.tc.umn.edu/visit/hotel.html. Contact Saumik Narayanan at chess@umn.edu with any questions.

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Hello From the Editor:

Inside you will find contributions from: Eric Vigil, GM Priyadharshan Kannappan, Bill Broich, NM Joseph Wan, NM Arshaq Saleem, NM Robert Keating, NM Daniel Brashaw, NM James Neal, Michael Takahashi, Rick Rector, Bethany Carson, Ming Lodh, Bob Long, and Mark Capron.

Congrats to Arshaq Saleem and Joseph Wan for winning the closed championship.

Congrats to Sarah Faith Carson for winning the playoff for the Girls qualifier tournament to represent Iowa at the National tournament in Madison this year.

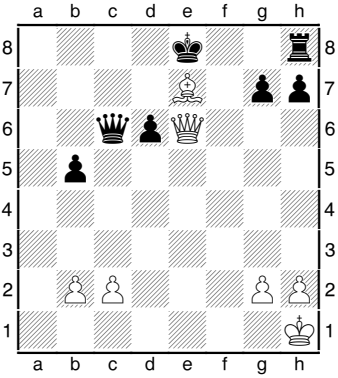
Anjali Lodh, Awen Li, Allison Li, and Isabel Fiedorowicz played in the KFC All Girls National Championships: in the Blitz Anjali got 27th and Isabel got 38th; in the Under Age 12 section Anjali placed 30th, Isabel placed 61st, and Allison Li placed 62nd. Awen placed 41st in the Under Age 8 section.

By request we have added a new prize category to the Iowa Open Rated Beginners Open section. The top 3 pairs of Mother-Child will be awarded a trophy.

The Iowa Open happens on August 24-26. Please consider signing up early to get the best rates. The hotel room cost has gone down this year and if staying at the hotel the parking is free if in the chess block. I look forward to seeing all of you there.

As always when you see chess news please submit it. —Mark Capron

Puzzle Time:



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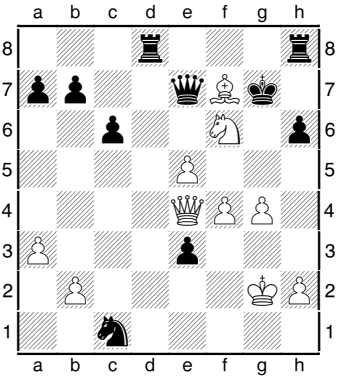


White to move and mate in 3

Saleem and Wan are State Champions
By Eric Vigil

Congratulations Joseph Wan and Arshaq Saleem! They are now the Co Chess Champions of Iowa. Joseph is the youngest player to complete the task since Daniel Goffstein did it in 2000, doing some investigative research into the MSA, Daniel did it, and then played in Scholastic Chess for two more years. I am going to have to ask him his exact age when he won.

It was a hard fought battle with many ups and downs and was finally settled only after the last games were completed before a winner was determined.

Congratulations are also in order for Sarah Faith Carson who defeated Anjali Lodh in a two game playoff to determine who was going to be the Girls Champion of Iowa.

In the MXA Section Anish Lodh and Cub Noble were on fire! They tied to win. Cub was playing a section up and Anish defeated some highly rated players! We had 12 in this section. It was quite a strong turnout.

#	Player	Pre	Post	1	2	3	4	5	T
1	Saleem, Arshaq	2254*	2263*	W4	D2	W5	D3	D6	3.5
2	Wan, Joseph Cheng	2229*	2241*	W5	D1	W6	L4	W3	3.5
3	Neal, James Alex	2262*	2261*	W6	D5	W4	D1	L2	3.0
4	Brashaw, Daniel	2306*	2285*	L1	W6	L3	W2	L5	2.0
5	Keating, Robert F	2090*	2096*	L2	D3	L1	D6	W4	2.0
6	Takahashi, Michael	2024*	2019*	L3	L4	L2	D5	D1	1.0

In Class B Joseph Meyer swept the section going 4-0 and now can enjoy his favorite beverage in our newly minted IASCA Pint Glasses. It seemed like everyone who won a glass is enjoying his or her favorite beverage.

Class C went down to the wire with a two way tie at the top. A. J Kozich and Robert Vance (not pictured) drew their final game to claim the prize. Before the tournament Robert Vance (as well as many others) asked if the IASCA Pint Glasses were for sale. I told him no they the Prizes of the sections. Disappointed, Robert did the next best thing and decided to win his section and get that IASCA Pint glass. Cheers Robert!

And last but not least, the boys in the D Section, Anjanaya Rao and Puwit Sky Moerlien, were getting ready to toast each other giddy with excitement as their IASCA Pint glasses were filled with a little green on St Patrick's Day. You know their parents like tea and with a little hot water, and they could be enjoying the taste of money. Maybe they could open their eyes? Well who could blame them, they probably didn't believe it was real.

Thanks again to Dr. Keating who allowed us to use his community room for our annual meeting and class chess tournament.

Games:

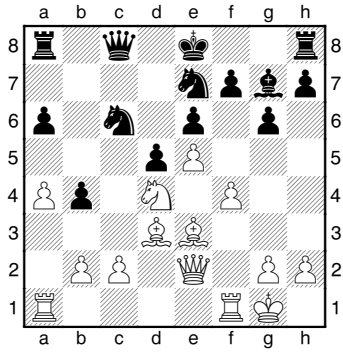
Annotated by NM Joseph Wan

Wan,Joseph (2229) − Keating, Robert F (2090) [B06] (1)

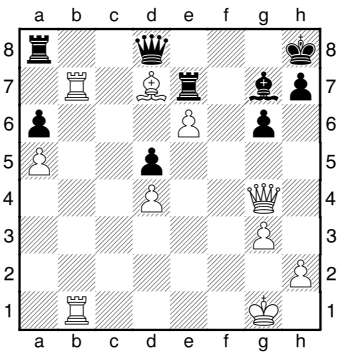
This was my third appearance at the Iowa Closed, and also my third time facing Dr. Keating in the first round. After obtaining a draw from an excellent position last year, I hoped to improve and go the full distance this year.

1.e4 g6 I had expected this; Dr. Keating once again turns to his trusty Modern Defense, an opening I have found very hard to crack over the years. **2.d4 ♗g7 3.♘c3 d6 4.f4** The Pseudo−Austrian Attack, a variation I had debuted in last year's first round game.mm**4...a6 5.♘f3 b5 6.♗d3 ♗b7!?** I had expected 6... ♘d7, as this was the move that Dr. Keating played last year, and is generally considered slightly more accurate. **7.e5** Continuing on with the same basic plan as last year, gaining more space, as well as access to the "e4" square for either my knight or bishop. **7...e6 8.a4** I remembered this key move from many similar positions in my preparation; White is very comfortable here, and Black has to give the bishop pair soon. **8...b4 9.♘e4 ♗×e4** If Black does not give up the bishop pair here, then White's knight may swing over to "g5", where suddenly sacrifices on "e6" and "f7" become possible. **10.♗×e4 d5 11.♗d3 ♘e7 12.♕e2** The idea behind this move was to prevent Black's Queen Knight from developing; it is now tied to the defense of the pawn on "a6". **12...c5?!** Black did not need to lash out so violently. As shown later, the opening of the position favors White. Best was to defend the pawn calmly with 12... ♕c8. 12...♕c8 13.0-0 ♘bc6 14.♗e3 0-0 15.g4 ♘a5 16.♘d2±. **13.d×c5 ♕a5 14.♘d4!** By capturing Black's "c" pawn, the "d4" square was vacated, and immediately put to good use. The knight first pounces on the square, where it can be supported by a pawn on "c3" as well as

a bishop on "e3". **14...♕×c5 15.♗e3 ♕c8 16.0-0 ♘bc6** Finally! After 16 moves,



Black's minor pieces are now all developed. However, the bishop is locked in, and Black's king rook remains questionable. **17.c3** Aiming to crack open the position before Black is given a chance to castle to safety. **17...b×c3 18.♖fc1! ♕b7** 18...c×b2? 19.♕×b2 ♖b8 20.♕a3! ♕d7 21.♘×c6 ♘×c6 22.♗×a6+- Black's position is about to collapse. **19.b×c3** The correct recapture. Now that the Black Queen has been lured to the "b" file, it is the "b" file that is opened, for more tempo gaining! **19...0-0 20.♖ab1 ♘×d4 21.♗×d4 ♕d7 22.a5** 22.♗×a6? ♕×a4 23.♗b7 ♖ab8 24.♖b4 ♕d7 25.♖cb1 ♕c7 26.♗a6 ♘f5 27.♖×b8 ♖×b8 28.♖×b8+ ♕×b8 29.♕b5=. **22...♘c6 23.♗b6 ♗h6!?** Interesting. I was definitely not expecting this. 23...f6 A bit more accurate. 24.e×f6 ♖×f6 25.g3 e5 26.f×e5 ♖e6 27.♖d1 ♖×e5 28.♕d2±. **24.g3 f6 25.e×f6 ♖×f6** 25...e5 If Black had played this, I was definitely ready to give up the exchange for these monstrous pawns. 26.f×e5! ♗×c1 27.e6! ♕d6 28.f7+ ♔g7 29.♖×c1 h5 30.♖f1 ♖ab8 31.♕e3+-. **26.♖e1!?** [The computer likes 26.♗×a6 e5 27.♖d1 e×f4 28.♖×d5! ♕h3 29.♗b7 ♖af8 30.♖d3+- But this looks a bit weird to the human eye. **26...e5 27.f×e5 ♖e6 28.♕g4 ♕e7 29.♗d4?** This mistake was the only blemish to an otherwise perfect game. I had overlooked Black's simple response, which would've equalized the game. 29.♗f5 This was the move I had looked at for a long time. 29...♖×e5 30.♗e6+ ♔h8 31.♖×e5 ♘×e5 32.♕h3 ♕d6 33.♗c8 ♗g7 34.♕e6± White is better because of his more active pieces and the bishop pair. **29...♗g7??** The game now swings heavily in White's favor. 29...♘×e5! This would've equalized the game. 30.♗×e5 ♖×e5 31.♖×e5 ♕×e5 32.♔g2 ♗g7 33.♕d7 ♔h8 34.♖b7 ♕×c3 35.h4= White might still have the slightest of pulls but its nothing much. **30.♖b7!!** The beginning of the end. Black is simply just running out of moves. **30...♕e8** [30...♕×b7 31.♕×e6+ ♔h8 32.♗b6 ♖f8 33.♕×d5 ♕c8 34.♕d6 ♘d8 35.♕c7+- The "a" pawn will also fall. **31.♗f5!** ♘×**d4** The only move. 31...♖e7 32.♗d7!+-. **32.c×d4 ♖e7 33.♗d7 ♕d8 34.♖eb1 ♔h8 35.e6** Tying the position up. Black no longer has any useful moves.



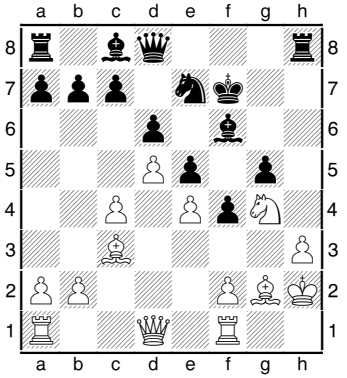
Just look at the rook on "e7"! **35...♕g8 36.♕f4** Now the devilish threat of ♖b8, winning the queen will soon decide. **36...g5 37.♕d6 ♗f8** 37...♗×d4+ Probably Black's best try. 38.♔g2 ♔g7 39.♕×d5 ♗f6 40.♕f5 h6 41.♗c6 ♖c8 42.♖f1!+-. **38.♕×d5 g4 39.♕e5 ♖g7 40.♔g2** Quicker was 40.e7! ♗×e7 *(40...♖×e7 41.♗e6+ ♖×e6 42.♕×e6+ ♔h8 43.♕e5+ ♔g8 44.♕f5 ♗e7 45.♕e6+ ♔h8 46.♖d7* and mate looms on the horizon.*; 40...♕×e7 41.♗e6+)* 41.♖b8+-. **40...♖g5 41.♕e4 ♗e7 42.♗c6 ♖c8 43.♖d7 ♕×a5** Black's final attempt to stir up some trouble... anything... 43...♕f8 44.♖f1 ♕g7 45.♖f7+-. **44.♖×e7 ♕d2+ 45.♔h1 ♖h5 46.♕×g4+ ♖g5 47.♕e4 ♖h5 48.♕g2 ♕×d4 49.♖d7 ♕c5 50.e7 ♖e8 51.♖d8** And Black finally throws in

the towel. Finally I have recorded a good win with White against Dr. Keating, who has always been a tough opponent for me to beat. From the opening I was able to gain an edge, and this time, I didn't let go, although the mistake in the middle of the game might have been costly. This game was crucial to my final result, finishing once again at 3.5/5, although this time, it was enough to tie for first and claim my first Iowa crown. Congratulations to my fellow co−champ, NM Arshaq Saleem, and big thanks to Eric Vigil, Mark Capron, and Bill Broich for organizing and directing the tournament! **1-0**

Annotated by NM Arshaq Saleem

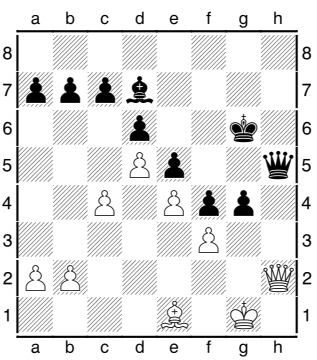
Brashaw,Daniel (2306) − Saleem, Arshaq (2254) [A21] (1)

I had a feeling Daniel was going to go for the English, so I prepared a solid line. **1.c4 g6 2.♘c3 ♗g7 3.g3 e5 4.♗g2 d6 5.♘f3 f5 6.d3** [6.d4 is playable, but Black should be fine after 6...e4] **6...♘f6** [so far this is normal] **7.e4** [This move combines the Botvinnik setup with White's more classical development (with the knight on f3). If he wants to play e4, the knight belongs on e2. 7.0-0 was more prudent.] **7...♘c6 8.0−0 0−0 9.h3?!** [As far as I know, this is a typical mistake in this structure, leaving the g3-pawn open for attack.] **9...f4! 10.♘d5** [accepting the pawn sac would be unwise. Black gets good Closed−Sicilian style compensation after 10.g×f4 ♘h5! *(10...e×f4* allows White to profit from his massive center.*)*] **10...♘h5** [Another good decision, forcing the issue.] **11.g4** [11.♔h2 is possible, but Black is doing well after normal developing moves.] **11...♘f6** [around this point, I was pretty sure Black was already better.] **12.♗d2 ♘e7?!** [I feel like this is a mistake, but during the game I thought I had to extricate the knight from d5. 12...a5! stops White from going b4, and I now have the option of ♘d7-c5, opening up the queen to participate in the kingside action.] **13.♘×f6+** [this seems a bit rushed, maybe White should've waited until c6 was played. 13.♗c3 ♘e×d5!? *(13...c6?! 14.♘×f6+ ♗×f6 15.d4* would be excellent for White.*)* 14.c×d5 h5 15.♘h2 *(15.g5 ♘h7 16.h4 ♗g4)* 15...h×g4 16.h×g4 ♗h6 with the idea of ♗g5, ♔g7 and ♖h8 looks pretty decent for Black.] **13...♗×f6 14.d4! g5** [14...e×d4? 15.♗×f4 gives up Black's advantage and then some.] **15.d5?!** [I think this is rushed. White should have kept the tension longer. 15.♗c3 White has ideas of taking on e5 and equalizing, but also after 15...♘c6 16.d5 ♘e7 he's at least a tempo up on the game.] **15...h5 16.♘h2 h×g4 17.♘×g4 ♔f7!?** [I wanted to put pressure on the kingside before he could get anything going on the other side. 17...♘g6 was of course also good. White won't ever take on f6 because he will be giving up a prime defender (his g4-knight) for a pretty bad bishop, making it much easier for me to go g4.] **18.♗c3 ♖h8 19.♔h2?!** [White is



trying to rearrange his pieces for defense, but he ends up too cramped on the kingside. White has to get going on the queenside, otherwise Black's attack will succeed: 19.b4 with the idea of c5 gives White some counterplay, although Black is still better after 19...♘g6; 19.c5!? would have also been a better try, but Black can still ignore it with 19...♘g6] **19...♘g6** [19...♖h4!? was also good, threatening to take on g4.] **20.♖h1 ♗d7** [bringing all the pieces into the game.] **21.♕e2 ♕e7**

[21...♖h4 was strong once again.] **22.♖ag1 ♖ag8** [to be honest, I don't remember why I played this move. It makes more sense to double on the h−file. 22...♖h7 followed by ♖ah8 leaves White with a tough position.] **23.♗f3 ♖×h3+?!** [I thought this was a brilliant way to highlight White's cluttered kingside, but I missed an incredible defense.] **24.♔×h3** [24.♔g2? ♘h4+ 25.♔×h3 ♖h8-+] **24...♘h4** [It is quite a picturesque position. White's pieces are frozen. But there is a way out.] **25.♔h2?** [most natural, but this loses. White has to leave his king in the seemingly deadly pin, and play 25.♕d1!! ♖h8 26.♗e2 The computer says Black has a few moves for equality, but he surprisingly cannot exploit the precarious position of White's king.; 25.♕d3!! ♖h8 26.♗d1 is similar. 26...♕d8 apparently this is equal if I follow up with ♕c8.] **25...♖h8 26.♘×f6 ♘×f3+ 27.♔g2 ♘×g1 28.♔×g1 ♕×f6 29.♖×h8 ♕×h8 30.f3 ♕h5?!** [this position should be winning, but this was not the best way to go about playing g4. 30...♗h3! stops White from offering any queen trades. 31.c5 g4 32.f×g4 ♕g7 Black will regain his extra pawn, maintaining a decisive attack (which will probably end in him winning the e4-pawn).] **31.♕h2** [I definitely could've played better somewhere around here.] **31...♕g6** [31...♗h3!] **32.♕g2 g4 33.♗e1 ♕h5 34.♕h2 ♔g6?**



[This throws everything away. 34...♕g6 35.♕g2 ♔e7 is best according to the machine. Black transfers the king to the queenside to protect all the pawns and only then plays for g3.] **35.♗h4?** [now I'm winning once again. 35.♕×h5+ ♔×h5 36.♔f2 I thought this was winning during the game, but it isn't 36...g3+ 37.♔g2 *(*for some reason I only looked at *37.♔e2 ♔h4 38.c5 ♔h3 39.c×d6 c×d6 40.♗b4 g2)* 37...♔h4 *(37...♔g6* and trying to dance around to the queenside is the best practical try, but I think White can hold with precise play.*)* 38.c5!] **35...g3 36.♕h1 ♗g4!** [the most efficient.] **37.f×g4 ♕×g4 38.♗×g3** [otherwise f3 would have come with decisive effect.] **38...♕×g3+ 39.♔f1 f3 40.b3 ♔g5 41.a3 ♕g2+** [Black will easily pick up all of White's pawns. This was quite a good way to start the 2018 Iowa Closed. In the past, I have had trouble against Dan in this tournament, so it felt good to settle the score.] **0-1**

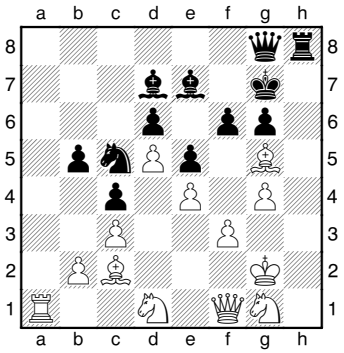
Takahashi,Michael (2005) − Neal,James (2262) [B23] (1)
1.e4 c5 2.♘c3 e6 3.g3 a6 4.♗g2 b5 5.f4 ♗b7 6.d3 ♘f6 7.♘f3 d5 8.e5 d4 9.♘e2 ♘d5 10.0-0 h5 11.♘g5 ♕d7 12.h3 ♘c6 13.g4 h×g4 14.h×g4 f6 15.♘f3 0-0-0 16.e×f6 g×f6 17.♘g3 ♕g7 18.g5 ♗d6 19.♕e2 ♘×f4 20.♗×f4 ♗×f4 21.♕×e6+ ♕d7 22.♕×d7+ ♔×d7 23.♔f2 f×g5 24.♘e4 ♗e3+ 25.♔e2 ♔c8 26.♘e×g5 ♖dg8 27.♗h3+ ♔b8 28.♗e6 ♖×g5 29.♘×g5 ♖h2+ 30.♔f3 ♗×g5 31.♔g4 ♖g2+ 32.♔h5 ♗e3 33.♖f8+ ♔a7 34.♖g8 ♖×c2 35.♔h4 ♘e5 36.♖f1 ♖h2+ 0-1

Annotated by NM Robert Keating

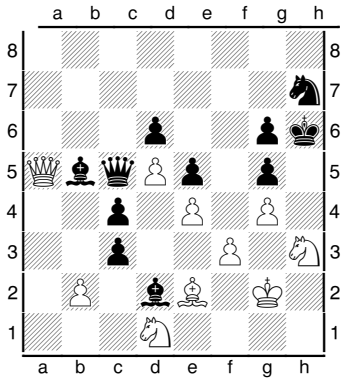
Keating,Robert F (2090) − Neal,James (2262) [C95] (2)

[James has been one of my most frequent and most difficult opponents in recent years. I had not won a game from him since 2014, with 5 draws and 6 losses since then.] **1.e4 e5!?** [James has usually played the French with an occasional Sicilian against me. I have spent a lot of time on my own repertoire, which as White must be broad since Black has so many defenses to choose from. Now, I had no choice but to see what James had pre−

pared.] **2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.♗b5** [Ruy Lopez it is.] **3...a6 4.♗a4 ♘f6 5.0-0 b5 6.♗b3 ♗e7 7.♖e1 0-0** [Perhaps he wanted to play the Marshall Gambit (he told me later he did not).] **8.h3 d6 9.c3 ♘b8** [Breyer variation.] **10.d4 ♘bd7 11.♘bd2 ♗b7 12.♗c2** [It is tempting to play 12.d5, but White should wait until Black plays c5 so the center cannot be attacked by c6.] **12...♖e8 13.♘f1 ♗f8 14.♘g3 g6 15.a4 c5 16.d5 c4** [All main line theory to this point. I was now out of book and had to come up with a plan. Advancing on the kingside with my f- or g-pawn seemed reasonable.] **17.♘h2** [17.♗g5 h6 18.♗e3 ♘c5 19.♕d2 h5 20.♗g5 ♗e7 21.♖a3 ♘fd7 22.♗e3 ♗f8 23.♖ea1=] **17...h5 18.♘gf1 ♘c5 19.g4 h×g4 20.h×g4** [I envisioned attacking on the h-file or pushing my f-pawn at some point.] **20...♖b8 21.♔g2 ♗c8 22.a×b5 a×b5 23.f3 ♗e7 24.♘e3 ♘h7 25.♘hf1 ♔g7 26.♘g3 ♖h8** [Black also seeks to attack on the h-file.] **27.♖h1 ♘g5 28.♖a7?!** [This is not as strong as is looks since Black can gain a tempo attacking the rook. White also must be mindful not to get the rook trapped by Black's minor pieces.] **28...♘b7 29.♗d2 ♗d7 30.♕c1** [with the idea of discovered attack against the ♘g5.] **30...f6 31.♘e2 ♕b6 32.♖a1 ♖×h1 33.♕×h1 ♖h8 34.♕f1** [Thanks to the tempo gained by ♕b6, Black has managed to seize control of the h-file. The threat of penetration by his queen to h1-h3 worried me.] **34...♘c5 35.♘g1 ♕b8 36.♘d1 ♕g8 37.♗×g5**



[This exchange could have been avoided by rearranging my king and queen; however, at the time it seemed to be the most direct solution and would saddle Black with an attackable weakness. A lot of maneuvering ensued with neither side able to find an advantage. 37.♕f2 ♕h7 38.♔f1] **37...f×g5 38.♘f2 ♕b8 39.♕e2 ♘b7 40.♕e3 ♘c5 41.♘gh3 ♕d8 42.♕d2 ♖f8 43.♖a7 ♖f7 44.♘g1 ♗c8 45.♖a1 ♕h8 46.♘gh3 ♕d8 47.♕e3 ♗b7 48.♕e2 ♗c8 49.♕e3 ♗d7 50.♖a7 ♗e8 51.♕c1 ♗f6 52.♖×f7+ ♗×f7 53.♕a1** [Black's attacking potential has been reduced, and White has taken control of the a-file. Black can only make inroads via the a7-g1 diagonal or the liquidation of the queenside pawns. More maneuvering followed with neither side able to find an advantage.] **53...♕b8 54.♕a2 ♗e8 55.♘g1 ♗d8 56.♘gh3 ♗e7 57.♘d1 ♕b7 58.♕a5 ♘d7 59.♕a3 ♔h6 60.♕a2 ♗d8 61.♕a1 ♘f8 62.♕a3 ♗c7 63.♕a1 ♗b6 64.♕a2 ♗d7 65.♕a1 ♘h7 66.♕a3 ♗c5 67.♕a1 ♕c8 68.♘df2 ♗e3 69.♗d1 ♕c5 70.♗e2** [Black has optimized his pieces except for his knight, which could work its way to b6 or a4.] **70...b4 71.♘d1 ♗d2 72.♕a6 ♗b5 73.♕a5 b×c3?** [Apparently I missed a



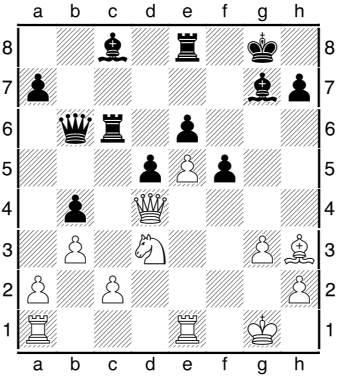
chance to play for a win here; however, time was thin and after a long struggle to maintain equality, I was not alert to the possibility.] **74.b×c3** [74.♘×c3! I did not play this out of fear of the consequences of allowing Black's queen to go to e3; however, the problems posed by White's

attack on the ♗b5 are more significant. 74...♕e3 75.♕×b5 ♗×c3 76.b×c3 ♕×e2+ 77.♘f2 ♕a2 78.♕c6 Black cannot defend both his weak pawns, and White's d−pawn will be too difficult to stop once it's path is clear. 78...♕b3 79.♕×d6 ♕×c3 80.♕c5 ♕c2 81.d6 ♕d2 82.♕×e5 c3 83.d7 ♕×d7 84.♕×c3 and White is clearly better.] **74...♗c1 75.♘hf2 ♘f6 76.♕d8 ♘h7 77.♕a5 ♘f6 78.♕d8 ♘h7 79.♕a5** [Just as in my round 1 game, I only had one opportunity to improve my result. And just as in my round 1 game, I failed to recognize the opportunity or to take advantage of it. At least I had accomplished my goal of ensuring a score better than 0 for the tournament.]
½-½

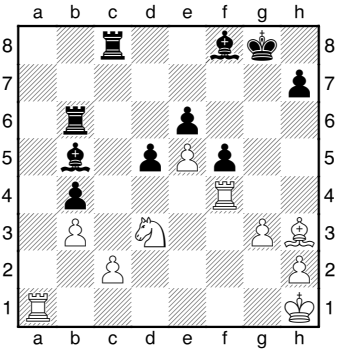
Annotation by NM Daniel Brashaw

Takahashi,Michael (1827) − Brashaw, Daniel (2171) [B26] (2)

1.e4 c5 2.♘c3 ♘c6 3.g3 g6 4.♗g2 ♗g7 5.d3 ♖b8 6.♗e3 b5 7.♕d2 [7.♗×c5?! b4 8.♘a4 ♕a5 9.b3 d6 10.♗e3 ♗×a1 11.♕×a1 ♘f6∓ Leads to an interesting imbalance where black aims to keep the position closed, ensuring his pawns are on dark squares to maximize the light square bishop.] **7...b4 8.♘d1 d6 9.f4 e6 10.♘f3** [10.e5 White likely should generate play with a later g3-g4, f4-f5 push 10...♘ge7 Leads to positions where white would prefer to keep the pawn on e5, although it is impossible to maintain. The white knights lack squares to infiltrate swiftly.] **10...♘ge7** [Everything I've played before up to this move. It's all common theory of the closed Sicilian, although white's next moves seem to deviate from the principles white aims to follow of the opening.] **11.d4** [This move does not follow the general pattern for the closed Sicilian's expansion for white.] **11...c×d4 12.♘×d4 ♘a5** [A vast improvement to black's position. It's a real question of how white should coordinate further. 12...♗a6! The computer's choice is the impractical appearing 13.♔f2 13.c3 b×c3 14.b×c3 ♘a5∓] **13.♕d3 0-0 14.0-0 d5 15.e5 ♘c4 16.b3 ♘×e3 17.♕×e3 ♖b6** [Black aims to achieve a good fianchetto French−like structure by activating the bishop via a6, and possibly tripling on the c−file at a later date. This also helps secure e6 for a thematic f7-f6 push.] **18.♗h3 f6 19.♖e1 f×e5 20.f×e5 ♖e8?** [This is really just a waste of time. Black need not worry about attacking the e5 pawn with an x−ray attack, since the tempo is not likely to change black's ability to attack this pawn.] **21.♘f2 ♘f5 22.♘×f5 g×f5 23.♕d4 ♖c6 24.♘d3 ♕b6?** [Black is



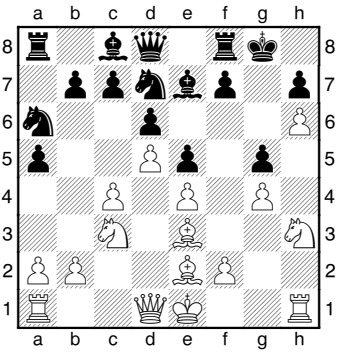
too eager to simplify. White's weaknesses will exist for the indefinite future, and it's not like white has a strong attack against the king. It makes infinitely more sense to simply secure the b−pawn and improve the position progressively yet very strongly 24...a5 25.♖e2 ♗a6 26.♔h1 ♕c7 27.♕f2 ♖c8∓] **25.♕×b6 ♖×b6 26.a3 a5 27.a×b4 a×b4 28.♖a4 ♗f8 29.♖f1 ♗a6 30.♖f4?!** [Not a total mistake but instead white needs to seek active counterplay. I always believed g3-g4 to be coming at any moment. Now was as timely as ever. 30.g4 f×g4 31.♗×g4 ♖c8 32.♖f6 ♖×c2 33.♘f4 ♗c5+ 34.♔h1= With equality white will grab e6 and have enough counterplay to either compel black to force a draw by repetition, or white should be able to accomplish this.] **30...♗b5 31.♖a1 ♖c8** [Again g4 seems like the best (and perhaps only) route to counterplay that white needs to reach equality.] **32.♔h1** [32.g4 ♖×c2



33.g×f5 A very difficult position to find the best move for black: 33...♖a6 (33...♗×d3 34.♖g4+ ♔f7 35.♖a7+ ♔e8 36.♖a8+ ♔f7 *(36...♔e7 37.f6+ ♔d7 38.♖g7+-)* 37.♖a7+=) 34.♖×a6 ♗×a6 35.f6 ♔f7 *(35...♗×d3 36.♗×e6+ ♔h8 37.♗×d5 ♗c5+ 38.♔h1 ♖c1+ 39.♔g2 ♖g1+ 40.♔f3* Total accuracy is required for black to show advantage.*)* 36.♗f1 ♗×d3 37.♗×d3 ♖c3 38.♗×h7 ♖e3∓ White should have some non−zero drawing chances with opposite color bishops] **32...♖×c2 33.♘×b4 ♖c3 34.♗g2 ♗h6 35.♖h4** [35.♘×d5! exd5 A shot that I acknowledged, but I believed black could escape from the ensnaring traps and checks 36.♗×d5+ ♔g7 37.♖a7+ ♔g6 38.♗f7+ ♔g7 39.♗d5+=] **35...♖c1+ 36.♖×c1 ♗×c1 37.g4** [Now this move is too little, too late, and black's active bishop pair and soon pawn advantage should be easily sufficient.] **37...f4 38.♘c2 ♗b2 39.♘b4 ♗e2 40.♘×d5 e×d5 41.♗×d5+ ♔g7 42.♖h5 ♗d3 43.♖h3 ♗g6 44.e6 ♖d6 45.♗c4 ♔f6 46.♔g2 ♗e4+ 47.♔f2 ♖d2+ 48.♔e1 ♖g2 49.♖h6+ ♔e7 50.♖h5 ♗d4 51.♖h3 f3 52.♗f1 ♖b2 0-1**

Annotated by NM Robert Keating

Saleem,Arshaq (2254) − Keating,Robert F (2090) [E73] (3)
1.d4 g6 2.c4 ♗g7 3.e4 d6 4.♘c3 ♘f6 5.♗e2 [This is usually a transposition to the normal Classical system (after ♘f3) or to the Averbakh system (after ♗g5).] **5...0−0 6.♗e3!?** [An interesting move order, and White's 3rd most common choice. I had not seen it before and assumed it would transpose. Black would normally like to kick the bishop with ♘g4, but this is not possible since White has not played ♘f3.] **6...e5 7.d5** [This appears to be the Petrosian system except that White has played ♗e3 instead of ♘f3.] **7...a5 8.g4 ♘a6 9.h4** [White's setup is very aggressive and may refute the entire King's Indian!] **9...♘d7?!** [This is too passive. White is allowed to continue his kingside attack unhindered. 9...♘c5 Black need not fear ♗×c5 and poses the problem to White of how to protect e4. 10.f3 h5 11.g5 ♘fd7±] **10.h5 g5?!** [This must be a strategic error. I feared having a bare king right out of the opening and figured my king wound be safe with the structure closed; however, Black suffers from lack of mobility. Nonetheless, my real downfall consisted of other mistakes made throughout the game. 10...♘dc5 11.♕d2 ♗d7; 10...f5 11.h×g6 h×g6 12.g×f5 g×f5 13.e×f5 ♘dc5 14.♗g4 ♗×f5 15.♗×f5 ♖×f5 16.♕g4 ♕d7] **11.h6 ♗f6 12.♘h3 ♗e7** [Now, I thought all I had to do was play f6 and coordinate enough pieces to win h6. Unfortunately, that plan takes too much time, and even after winning h6, Black probably won't have much



to do with his extra pawn if he's overrun on the queenside.] **13.a3 ♘ac5 14.b3 f6?!** [This is an unnecessary defensive move at this time. Black should wait until there is no better option since the pawn on f6 further limits the mobility of his pieces. 14...♔h8 15.b4 a×b4 16.a×b4 ♖×a1 17.♕×a1

♘b3!? 18.♕a2 ♘d4 Despite the unstable appearance of the ♘d4, Black seems to be doing okay.] **15.♖b1 b6?!** [another unnecessary move that wastes a tempo that could have been better spent on the kingside. 15...♔h8 16.b4 ♘a6 17.f3 ♖g8 18.♘f2 ♘f8 19.♘d3 ♘g6=] **16.b4 ♘b7?!** [I played into this location thinking that I could later go ♘d8-f7 to win the ♙h6. Again, that plan was too slow. 16...♘a6 17.♗d3 ♔h8 18.♘g1 ♖g8 19.♘ge2 ♘f8 20.♘g3 ♘g6 21.♘f5 ♘f4±] **17.♗d3 ♔h8 18.♘g1 ♖g8 19.♘ge2 ♘f8 20.♘g3 ♘g6 21.♘f5 ♗f8 22.♗c2 ♘f4?** [I did not appreciate the power of White's ♗a4-c6 until too late. 22...♗d7 23.♗a4 ♗×a4 24.♘×a4 ♘e7 25.f3 ♖g6 26.♔f2 ♘×f5 27.e×f5 ♖×h6 28.♕c2 a×b4 29.a×b4 ♖×h1 30.♖×h1 ♕e7±] **23.♗a4 a×b4 24.a×b4 ♗×f5 25.e×f5 ♖b8 26.♗c6 ♕e7 27.♗×b7 ♖×b7 28.♖a1 ♕d8?!** [♕e8 would have been better to have the option to swap queens on a4.] **29.♔d2 ♘g2 30.♕a4 ♘h4?! 31.♕c6 ♕b8 32.♕d7 c5** [32...♗×h6 33.♖×h4+-] **33.♕b5?!** [Even though this is not White's strongest move, all the variations are better for him. 33.♕e6! ♗e7 34.b×c5 b×c5 35.♖hb1+-] **33...♗e7** [33...♘f3+ 34.♔e2 ♘d4+ 35.♗×d4 e×d4 36.♘e4+-] **34.♖hb1 ♕c7?** [34...♘f3+ 35.♔e2 ♘d4+ 36.♗×d4 e×d4 37.♘e4+-] **35.b×c5 d×c5 36.♔e2 ♖gb8 37.♕c6 ♕d8 38.♘e4 ♘g2 39.d6 ♗f8 40.♘×c5 ♖f7 41.♘e6 ♕×d6 42.♕×g2** [After a surprise in the opening, I made a series of poor choices that ultimately led to inescapable defeat. Improvements had to be made early enough in the game to make a difference in the outcome.]
1-0

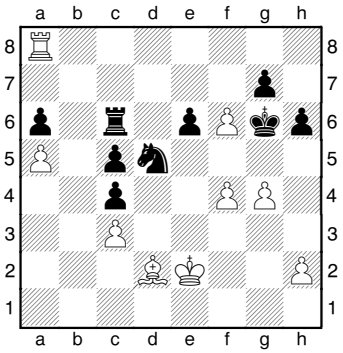
Neal,James (2152) − Brashaw,Daniel (2171) [D90] (3)
1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 g6 3.♘f3 ♗g7 4.♘c3 d5 5.c×d5 ♘×d5 6.♗g5 c5 7.♖c1 ♘×c3 8.b×c3 ♕a5 9.♕d2 ♘c6 10.e3 ♗e6 11.♖b1 0-0 12.♖b2 ♗d5 13.♗e2 c×d4 14.c×d4 ♕×d2+ 15.♔×d2 f6 16.♗h4 ♖fd8 17.♖d1 b6 18.♔e1 ♘a5 19.♖c2 ♖ac8 20.♖dc1 ♖×c2 21.♖×c2 ♗b7 22.♘d2 ♖c8 23.♖×c8+ ♗×c8 24.♘b3 ♘c6 25.♗c4+ ♔f8 26.♔d2 e6 27.f3 ♔e7 28.♗e1 ♔d6 29.♗g3+ ♔d7 30.e4 f5 31.♗f2 ♗b7 32.♗b5 ♔c7 33.♔c3 ♗f8 34.♗g3+ ♗d6 35.♗×d6+ ♔×d6 36.e5+ ♔c7 37.♗×c6 ♗×c6 38.h4 ♗d5 39.♘c1 b5 40.a3 ♗c4 41.d5 ♗×d5 42.♘d3 ♔b6 43.♔d4 a5 44.♘c5 ♔c6 45.♘a6 h6 46.♘c5 g5 47.h×g5 h×g5 48.g3 ♔b6 49.f4 g×f4 50.g×f4 ♔c6 51.♘d3 b4 52.a4 ♔b6 53.♘c5 ♔c7 54.♘d3 ♔c6 55.♘c5 ♔c7 56.♘d3 ♗c6 57.♘c5 ♗d7 58.♔c4 ♔c6 59.♘b3 ♔b6 60.♘c5 ♗e8 [White went on to win] **1-0**

Annotations by Michael Takahashi

Keating,Robert (2090) − Takahashi, Michael (2024) [C18] (4)

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.♘c3 [This is my opponent's preferred response to the French.] **3...♗b4** [Another interesting line is: 3...♘f6 4.♗g5 Heading into the main lines of the MacCutcheon 4...♗b4 *(4...d×e4 5.♘×e4 ♗e7 6.♗×f6 ♗×f6 7.♘f3 0-0 8.♕d2 ♘d7 9.0-0-0±)* 5.e5 h6 6.♗d2 ♗×c3 7.b×c3 *(7.♗×c3 ♘e4 8.♕g4 0-0!* Taking advantage of the fact that White has no kingside attack (John Watson)*)* 7...♘e4 8.♕g4 g6 *(8...♔f8 9.♗d3 ♘×d2 10.♔×d2 c5 11.h4 ♘c6 12.♖h3 c4∓* Eventually 1-0 in Sutovsky (2666)−Volkov (2630*)* 9.♗d3 ♘×d2 10.♔×d2 c5 11.♘f3 ♗d7=] **4.e5 c5 5.a3 ♗×c3+ 6.b×c3** [Typical move order. I had prepared well for this line.] **6...♕a5 7.♗d2 ♕a4 8.♕g4!?** [A deviation from our previous game at the Port of Burlington, which went: 8.♘f3 b6 9.c4!? At the time, I didn't expect this move from my opponent and wasted a lot of time right from the opening. 9...♘e7?! Black shouldn't play so restrained here. Better was ♗a6 with good chances for Black. 10.c×d5 e×d5 11.c4 ♕×d1+ 12.♖×d1 0-0 13.d×c5 b×c5 14.c×d5 ♘×d5 15.♗g5 Eventually 1-0 in Keating−Takahashi, 2018 Port of Burlington. I figured my opponent thought he would surprise me with this plan, but I was well versed in this move order because my coach, NM James Neal, used this variation as preparation for NM Dan Brashaw.] **8...♔f8 9.♕d1** [An interesting move order that can throw Black off balance if he isn't

careful. This is one of the more tricky ways in which White can play against the Portisch−Hook variation of the Winawer French.] **9...b6!** [By far the best move in this position. Surprisingly, according to ChessBase's Mega Database, White only scores 47% in 96 games in this position. The idea of b6! was inspired by the game Ter Sakahyan, Samvel (2605) − Kovalenko, Igor (2659), 0-1, Lake Sevan Martiuni 2017, which went:] **10.c4** [10.d×c5 Instead of 10.c4 10...b×c5?! *(10...♘d7! 11.c×b6 ♘×e5 12.♘f3 ♘×f3+ 13.♕×f3 a×b6 14.c4 ♘f6±)* 11.♘f3 ♘e7 12.♖b1 ♗a6 13.♗×a6 ♕×a6 14.♕e2 ♘ec6 15.♗e3 c4±] **10...♗a6!** [An improvement over my last game against Dr. Keating where I played the timid ♘e7?! and soon succumbed under time trouble. ♗a6! is much more ambitious and gives Black a good game.] **11.d×c5 b×c5?!** [Not quite as good as: 11...♘e7! 12.c×d5 *(12.c×b6 a×b6 13.c×d5 ♕e4+ 14.♗e3 ♗×f1 15.♔×f1 ♘×d5 16.♘f3 ♘d7=* Gives Black very good compensation for the pawn. During the game, I was unsure about the complications that would arise after ♘e7 and thus chose b×c5.*)* 12...♕e4+ 13.♗e3 ♗×f1 14.♔×f1 ♘×d5 15.♘f3 ♘d7 16.c×b6 a×b6= Gives Black at least equality] **12.c3 ♕×d1+ 13.♖×d1 ♘e7 14.f4?!** [Better is: 14.♘f3 d×c4 *(14...♔e8 15.♗e3 ♗×c4 16.♗×c4 d×c4 17.♗×c5±)* 15.♗e3 ♘bc6 16.♗×c5 ♔e8 17.♗d6 ♖d8 18.♘d2±] **14...♘d7 15.♘f3?!** [15.c×d5 ♗×f1 16.♔×f1 ♘×d5 17.c4 ♘5b6 18.♖c1 ♖b8 19.♘f3 ♘a4=] **15...♘b6 16.♗e3 ♖c8 17.♘d2 ♘a4! 18.♖c1 ♘b6?!** [More productive would've been: 18...♖b8! 19.♗e2 f5 20.♔f2 d×c4 21.♗×c4 ♗×c4 22.♘×c4 ♘d5±] **19.♗e2 h6?** [This is clearly the wrong plan. Black was better served by playing: 19...♗×c4 20.♘×c4 ♘×c4 21.♗×c4 d×c4 22.♖b1∓ During the game I was afraid of this move as it seems to allow White to penetrate the b−file. I wasn't so sure about the evaluation of the position so I went down a seemingly safer path. 22...g6 23.♖b7 ♘d5! 24.♔f2 ♔g7 25.♗d2 a6∓ 26.♖hb1 ♖a8 27.a4 h5 28.♔f1∞] **20.0−0 ♔g8?** [Again, the immediate ♗×c4 or ♘×c4 was better.] **21.g4?** [My opponent returns the favor. Instead ♗f2 would've given him a more or less equal position. For example: 21.♗f2 ♗×c4 22.♘×c4 d×c4 23.a4! ♘ed5 24.♗e1 a5 25.♖b1 ♘×a4 26.♗×c4=] **21...♘×c4! 22.♗×c4 ♗×c4 23.♘×c4 d×c4 24.♖b1 ♘d5 25.♗d2 ♖c7 26.♔f2 ♔h7 27.♔e2 ♖d8 28.a4 ♖cd7 29.♖b2 ♘b6 30.a5 ♘d5?!** [Not quite as good as: 30...♘a4! 31.♖a2 ♖×d2+! 32.♖×d2 ♘×c3+ 33.♔e1 ♘d5 34.♖f3 ♖b8∓ Surprisingly, Black has more than enough compensation for the exchange. The control of the b−file, the power of his knight, and the passed c−pawn ensures him an advantage.] **31.♖fb1 a6 32.♖b8 ♖×b8?** [Giving up my advantage, better was: 32...g5!? 33.f×g5 h×g5 34.h3 ♔g6 35.♖1b2 f5 36.e×f6 ♔×f6∓ Which gives Black an edge, but human players will have trouble finding the surprising g5.] **33.♖×b8 ♖c7 34.♔d1 ♔g6 35.♖a8 ♖c6 36.♔e2 f6 37.e×f6?!**

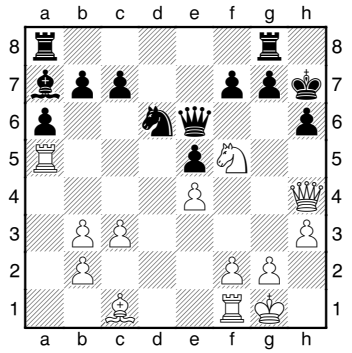


[I'm not sure why White decided to trade off the strong e5 pawn, as it gives him a strong space advantage on the kingside in most French structures. Better was: 37.♖a7 f×e5 38.f×e5 ♘c7 39.♖b7 ♘d5 40.♖d7 ♔h7 41.♔f3±] **37...♘×f6= 38.h3 h5 39.g5 ♘d5 40.♔f3 ♘c7 41.♖c8 ♖d6 42.♖×c7 ♖×d2 43.♖×c5 ♖d3+ 44.♔e4 ♖×c3 45.♖c6 ♔f7 46.♖c7+ ♔g6 47.♖e7 ♖×h3 48.♖×e6+ ♔h7 49.♖×a6 ♖a3** [This is a drawn endgame, as the passed pawns will cancel each other out and no one can realistically get the upper hand.] **50.♔f5 ♖b3 51.♖c6 ♖b5+ 52.♔e4 ♖×a5 53.♖×c4 g6 54.♖c7+ ♔g8 55.♖c6 ♔g7 56.♖c7+** [And we agreed to a draw. Not the prettiest game I have ever played, but

at least I got a better result than in some of my other games in the Closed.]
½-½

Annotated by NM James Neal

Wan,Joseph (2241) − Neal,James (2261) [C54] (5)
1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.♗c4 ♗c5 4.c3 ♘f6 5.d3 a6 6.♗b3 ♗a7 7.♘bd2 d6 8.♘f1 h6 9.♘g3 ♗e6 10.h3 d5 11.♕e2 d×e4 [My usual response to e4 is either the French or the Sicilian but going into the last round I assumed that Arshaq would get the win over Michael. I would be required to win with the black pieces in order to share the championship. The unfortunate part of this is my terrible record against Joseph.] **12.d×e4 ♗×b3 13.a×b3 0-0 14.0-0 ♕e7 15.♘h4 ♕e6 16.♕f3!?** [I was expecting Joseph to do something about the b−pawn but instead he played this ambitious move.] **16...♘e7** [16...a5!= Maybe this would have been the correct punishment to this move. 17.♘hf5 ♔h7 18.♗e3 ♗×e3 19.♕×e3 ♘e7 20.♘×e7 ♕×e7 21.♘f5 ♕e6 22.♖a3 b6= This would be a little uncomfortable but manageable.] **17.♘hf5 ♘×f5 18.♘×f5 ♔h7 19.♕g3 ♖g8 20.♕h4 ♘e8 21.♖a5 ♘d6?** [Wishful

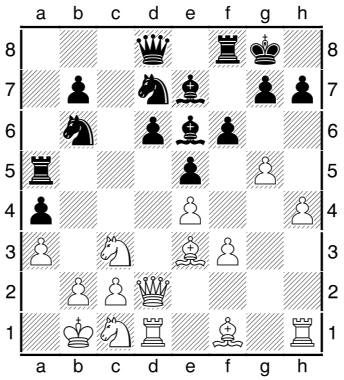


thinking here. I saw that Joseph was going into the tank here and I thought he was planning on sacrificing after ♖a5. I thought the sacrifice was unsound and I wanted to give him the opportunity to go for it. The only problem, was that he knew the sacrifice was unsound too. Lol. 21...b5! I saw this move but I dismissed it for the wrong reasons. 22.b4 ♘d6 23.♕g4 ♘×f5 24.e×f5 ♕f6 25.♕e4 ♖gd8 26.♖e1 c5 27.b×c5 ♗×c5 28.♖a1 ♖ac8=] **22.♘×d6 c×d6 23.♖d5 f5?!** [The position is uncomfortable my goal was to create some counterplay on the kingside before he organized his pieces on the weak d−pawn. 23...a5! I didn't consider this move, but it seems very efficient. I could bring my bishop to c5 in order to free up my major pieces to do other things. 24.♖×a5?? ♗×f2+ 25.♕×f2 ♖×a5-+] **24.♖fd1 ♗b8 25.e×f5 ♕×f5 26.♗e3 ♗c7 27.c4!?** [During his think I was expecting him to swing his queen over to the queenside to pressure my pawns. 27.♕c4 ♖ac8 28.♖5d3±] **27...♖gf8 28.c5 d×c5 29.♖d7 ♖f7 30.♖×f7 ♕×f7 31.♕e4+ ♔h8 32.♕×b7 ♖b8 33.♕×a6±** [This position was really uncomfortable and I made my final mistake. Overall, this event was poor for me. I thought I should have beaten Keating and Arshaq and I got a miracle win against Brashaw. I will have to make some adjustments for next year but I will be working to sweep the field in 2019!] **33...♖×b3??** [33...e4! 34.♗×c5 ♕×b3 35.♖d7 ♗e5 36.♗a7 ♖g8 37.♗e3 ♕×b2 38.g3± Bad but playable...; 33...♕×b3 34.♖d7 ♗b6 35.♗×h6 g×h6 36.♕e2+-] **34.♕c8+** [Congrats Arshaq & Joseph keep that Championship warm for me ;)] **1-0**

Annotated by NM Robert Keating

Keating,Robert F (2090) − Brashaw, Daniel (2306) [B90] (5)
1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 d6 3.d4 c×d4 4.♘×d4 ♘f6 5.♘c3 a6 6.♗e3 e5 7.♘b3 ♗e6 8.f3 ♗e7 9.♕d2 0-0 10.0-0-0 a5 [Arshaq had played this way against me several times. This was apparently new preparation from Daniel, who has played other 9th moves, including ♘bd7 and h5.] **11.♔b1** [Both ♗b5 and a4 are more popular and perhaps better than my consistent choice king move.] **11...a4 12.♘c1 ♘bd7** [Both 12...♖a5 and 12...a3 are more common, although furthering development seems logical for Black.] **13.g4 ♘b6 14.g5 ♘fd7**

15.h4 f6 16.a3 ♖a5? [Although Black now seems poised to play d5, the rook lift is a



tactical error from which he never recovers.] **17.♘b5 ♘c8** [This is forced since it is the only move that defends the ♖a5 and ♗d6. Black's rook will remain out of play, and his position will be cramped and defensive for the rest of the game.] **18.♘a2?!** [18.♗e2 was to be preferred since f3 is undefended and may be exploited by the ♖f8. The ♘c1 will have ample time to re-enter the game.; 18.g6!? h×g6 19.h5 g5 20.h6 g6 21.♕c3 ♘-+ ≅ ♘c7 threatens ♘×e6 and ♕×a5, while the ♖a5 has no safe squares. 21...♗f7 22.♘a2 ♔h7 23.♘c7 ♖c5 24.♗×c5 ♘×c5 25.♘d5±] **18...f5?** [18...f×g5 19.h×g5 ♖×f3 Even with this tactic, White's position remains better. 20.g6 ♘f6 21.g×h7+ ♔h8 22.♘bc3 ♘g4 23.♗g1±] **19.♗e2** [19.♕c3! f4 20.♗f2 ♗×a2+ 21.♔×a2 ♖a6 22.♗c4+ ♔h8 23.♗d5+-] **19...♘c5 20.♘ac3 ♔h8 21.e×f5** [Although 21.h5 was probably better, White seems to have no way to go wrong.] **21...♗×f5 22.♗×c5 d×c5 23.♕e3** [I strongly considered ♕e1 but keeping my queen centralized, maintaining the ♖a5 out of play, and likely winning the e5 pawn were more valuable. 23.♕e1 ♕e8 24.♘c7 ♕f7 25.♘3d5 b6 26.♘×b6 ♖a7 27.♘bd5 ♗d8 28.♘b5 ♖d7 29.♗c4+-] **23...♕e8 24.h5** [This keeps the Black queen out of g6, from where the attack on c2 would be annoying.] **24...♕c6 25.♖hg1** [25.h6 ♕g6 26.♘e4+-; 25.♕×e5 ♕e6 is less convincing, but White is still winning.] **25...♕e6** [25...c4 26.♖d5+-] **26.♖d5 ♖×b5** [giving White a chance to throw it all away with ♘×b5. 26...♕f7 27.♖×e5 ♖a6 28.g6 h×g6 29.♘d5+-] **27.♗×b5** [Unfortunately, Black's mistake on move 16 spoiled the game for him. I can't claim to have made any brilliant moves since it seems that White does well in all variation from then on.] **1-0**

Takahashi,Michael (2005) − Saleem, Arshaq (2254) [B26] (5)
1.e4 d6 2.♘c3 g6 3.g3 ♗g7 4.♗g2 c5 5.d3 ♘c6 6.♗e3 e5 7.♕d2 ♘ge7 8.♗h6 0-0 9.h4 ♗×h6 10.♕×h6 f6 11.♕d2 ♗e6 12.♘d5 ♗×d5 13.e×d5 ♘b4 14.c4 ♕a5 15.♔f1 ♘bc6 16.♕×a5 ♘×a5 17.♘e2 ♖ab8 18.♘c3 ♘f5 19.♘e4 ♖bd8 20.b3 ♘d4 21.♘c3 f5 22.♘e2 ♘×e2 23.♔×e2 b5 24.♖hc1 ♖b8 25.♖ab1 b×c4 26.b×c4 ♔f7 27.♔d2 ♔f6 28.♔c3 h6 29.f3 ♖g8 30.g4 ♖gf8 31.♖f1 ♖fe8 32.♗h3 ♖b7 33.♖×b7 ♘×b7 34.♖b1 ♖e7 35.♖f1 ♘d8 36.♖b1 ♘f7 37.♗g2 ♖d7
½-½

Games from Class:

Lapinsky,Stephen (1545) − Meyer, Joseph (1723) [C06] Class B (1)
1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.♘d2 ♘f6 4.e5 ♘fd7 5.♗d3 c5 6.c3 ♘c6 7.♘e2 ♗e7 8.♘f3 f6 9.♗b5 c×d4 10.♗×c6 b×c6 11.c×d4 0-0 12.0-0 f×e5 13.♘×e5 ♘×e5 14.d×e5 ♗a6 15.♗e3 ♕b8 16.♘d4 ♗×f1 17.♘×c6 ♕b7 18.♘×e7+ ♕×e7 19.♕×f1 ♕b4 20.♕e2 ♕e4 21.♖e1 ♕×e5 22.♗c5 ♕×e2 23.♖×e2 ♖fe8 24.f3 ♔f7 25.b3 a6 26.♔f2 ♖ac8 27.♗d4 ♖c6 28.a3 ♖ec8 29.♖e3 ♖c2+ 30.♔g3 ♖a2 31.b4 ♖cc2 32.♔f4 ♖d2 33.♖c3 ♖×d4+ 0-1

Pierce,Ben (583) − Felgar,Stan L (1133) [C66] Class D (1)
1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.♗b5 d6 4.♗×c6+ b×c6 5.0-0 ♘f6 6.d3 h6 7.♘c3 g6 8.d4 ♕e7 9.d×e5 d×e5 10.♕d2 ♗g7 11.♖d1 0-0 12.♘g5 h×g5 13.♕×g5 ♕e6 14.♗e3 ♗a6 15.♗c5 ♖fe8 16.♘a4 ♘×e4 17.♕h4 ♕f5 18.♖e1 ♘g5 19.♖e3 ♕f6 20.♖ae1 ♘f3+ 21.♖×f3 ♕×h4 22.♖h3 ♕×a4 23.♖h4 ♕×h4 24.g3 ♕c4 25.♗e3 ♕e6 26.f3 ♖ab8 27.h3 ♕×h3 28.f4 e×f4

29.g×f4 ♖×e3 30.♖×e3 ♕f1+ 0-1

Jacobs,Steve (1400) − Reedy ,Ed (1460) [D03] Class C 2018 (2)
1.d4 d5 2.♘f3 ♘f6 3.♗g5 e6 4.♘bd2 ♗e7 5.e3 a6 6.♗d3 c5 7.c3 ♗d7 8.♘e5 ♗b5 9.♗×b5+ a×b5 10.0-0 ♘bd7 11.f4 ♘e4 12.♗×e7 ♕×e7 13.♘×e4 d×e4 14.♕h5 0-0 15.♘×d7 ♕×d7 16.♕×c5 f5 17.♕e5 ♕d5 18.a3 ♖fe8 19.♕×d5 e×d5 20.h3 ♖e6 21.♔f2 ♖c6 22.g4 f×g4 23.h×g4 ♖h6 24.♖h1 ♖aa6 25.♖×h6 ♖×h6 26.♔g2 ♖g6 27.♔g3 ♖c6 28.♖b1 g6 29.♖f1 ♔g7 30.g5 h6 31.g×h6+ ♔×h6 32.♖h1+ ♔g7 33.♔g4 ♖f6 34.♖a1 ♖f8 35.♖h1 ♖f5 36.♖h5 ♖×h5 37.f5 ♖×f5 0-1

Noble,Cub (1663) − Gudino,Pedro (1808) [B07] Class MXA (2)
1.e4 g6 2.d4 ♗g7 3.♘f3 d6 4.c3 ♘f6 5.♗d3 ♘bd7 6.h3 e5 7.♗e3 0-0 8.0-0 c5 9.d5 c4 10.♗c2 ♕c7 11.♘fd2 b5 12.a4 ♘b6 13.a×b5 ♗d7 14.♘a3 ♘h5 15.♕e2 ♘f4 16.♗×f4 e×f4 17.♖fe1 ♖ac8 18.♘f3 f5 19.♕d2 f×e4 20.♖×e4 ♗f5 21.♖e2 ♕c5 22.♖e7 ♖cd8 23.♘g5 ♖de8 24.♖×e8 ♖×e8 25.♗×f5 g×f5 26.♘e6 ♕c8 27.♘×g7 ♔×g7 28.♕×f4 ♖e5 29.♖d1 ♕d7 30.♕g5+ ♔h8 31.♕d2 ♕e8 32.♘×c4 ♕×b5 33.♘×d6 ♕d7 34.♕h6 ♔g8 35.♕g5+ ♔h8 36.♕f6+ 1-0

Lamb,Mike (1180) − Rao,Srinivas (1016) [C55] Class D (2)
1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.♗c4 ♘f6 4.♘c3 h6 5.d4 d6 6.d5 ♘e7 7.a4 ♗d7 8.0-0 g5 9.a5 a6 10.b4 ♗g7 11.b5 0-0 12.♗a3 a×b5 13.♘×b5 ♗×b5 14.♗×b5 ♖×a5 15.c4 ♘×e4 16.♕d3 ♘f6 17.♕c3 ♖a8 18.♗b4 ♖×a1 19.♖×a1 c6 20.d×c6 b×c6 21.♗a4 ♕c7 22.♗c2 ♘g6 23.♗×g6 f×g6 24.c5 ♘d5 25.♕e1 e4 26.c×d6 ♕d7 27.♖a7 ♕f7 28.♖×f7 ♖×f7 0-1

Reke,David (1387) − Wu,Athena (1021) [D20] Class D (2)
1.d4 d5 2.c4 d×c4 3.e3 ♘f6 4.♗×c4 ♗g4 5.♕b3 b6 6.♗×f7+ ♔d7 7.h3 ♗f5 8.♕b5+ c6 9.♕×f5+ ♔c7 10.♘f3 g6 11.♕f4+ ♔b7 12.♗b3 ♘a6 13.♘e5 ♖g8 14.♗×g8 ♘×g8 15.♘c3 ♘b4 16.♕e4 ♘f6 17.♕b1 ♘d7 18.♘×d7 ♕×d7 19.0-0 e5 20.d×e5 ♕e6 21.♕e4 ♘a6 22.f4 ♘c5 23.♕c2 ♖d8 24.♖d1 ♖e8 25.♘e4 ♘×e4 26.♕×e4 ♗c5 27.b4 ♗e7 28.b5 ♗c5 29.♕×c6+ ♕×c6 30.b×c6+ ♔×c6 31.♖d3 ♖f8 32.♔h2 ♔b5 33.♗a3 ♗×a3 34.♖×a3 a5 35.♖d1 ♔b4 36.♖b3+ ♔c5 37.g4 b5 38.♔g2 a4 39.♖bd3 ♖b8 40.♖d5+ ♔c4 41.e6 b4 42.e7 b3 43.a×b3+ a×b3 44.♖d8 b2 45.♖×b8 ♔c3 46.e8♕ ♔c2 47.♖×b2+ ♔×b2 48.♕c8 h6 49.♖d7 ♔b3 50.♖b7+ ♔a2 51.♕a8# 1-0

Peralta,Luis (1909) − Harrington−Tabor, Tim (1886) [D31] Class MXA (3)
1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.♘c3 ♗e7 4.e4 d×e4 5.♘×e4 ♗b4+ 6.♘c3 ♘f6 7.a3 ♗×c3+ 8.b×c3 c5 9.♘f3 ♕a5 10.♗d2 ♘e4 11.♕c2 ♘×d2 12.♘×d2 c×d4 13.c×d4 ♘c6 14.♕b2 0-0 15.0-0-0 ♕g5 16.h4 ♕f4 17.♗d3 ♕×d4 18.♕c2 ♕a1+ 19.♘b1 f5 20.g4 ♘d4 21.♕a4 b5 22.c×b5 ♗d7 23.♖h3 ♖ac8+ 24.♔d2 ♕b2+ 25.♔e1 f×g4 26.♖d2 ♖c1+ 0-1

Chen,Nathan (1837) − Gudino,Pedro (1808) [C10] Class MXA (3)
1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.♘d2 d×e4 4.♘×e4 ♘f6 5.♗d3 ♗e7 6.♘f3 ♘bd7 7.0-0 0-0 8.c3 ♘×e4 9.♗×e4 ♘f6 10.♗c2 b6 11.♕d3 ♗b7 12.♖e1 ♕d5 13.♗g5 g6 14.c4 ♕d8 15.♗h6 ♖e8 16.♗a4 c6 17.♘e5 ♖c8 18.♕e3 ♗f8 19.♗g5 ♗e7 20.♕f3 b5 21.c×b5 c×b5 22.♕×b7 b×a4 23.♘c6 ♖×c6 24.♕×c6 a3 25.b×a3 ♔g7 26.♖ab1 ♗×a3 27.♗×f6+ ♔×f6 28.♕f3+ 1-0

Carson,Sarah Faith (1494) − Power, Josiah (1394) [D02] Class C (3)
1.d4 d5 2.c3 ♗f5 3.♘f3 e6 4.g3 c5 5.♗g2 ♘c6 6.0-0 ♘f6 7.♗g5 c×d4 8.♘×d4 ♘×d4 9.♕×d4 ♗e7 10.♘d2 0-0 11.c4 d×c4 12.♕×d8 ♖f×d8 13.♘×c4 ♖ac8 14.♘a5 b6 15.♘c6 ♖d7 16.♖ac1 ♖cc7 17.♗f4 ♗d6 18.♗g5 ♘e8 19.e4 ♗g6 20.e5 ♗f8 21.♗d8 ♖b7 22.♖fd1 f6 23.♘d4 ♖b8 24.♘×e6 ♖×d1+ 25.♖×d1 f×e5 26.♘c7 ♘×c7 27.♗×c7 ♖e8 28.♖e1 e4 29.h4 ♗c5 30.♗f4 ♔f7 31.g4 h6 32.♗e3 ♗×e3 33.♖×e3 ♔f6 34.h5 ♗h7 35.f4 ♖e7 36.♔f2 ♗g8 37.a3 ♗d5 38.♖e1 ♖e6 39.♔e3 ♔e7 40.♔d4 ♔d6 41.♗×e4 ♗b3 42.♖e3 ♗d1 43.♗f3 ♗a4 44.♖×e6+ ♔×e6 45.♗d5+ ♔d6 46.g5 ♗e8 47.g×h6 g×h6 48.♗f3 ♗d7 49.♗e4 ♗e8 50.♗g6 ♗×g6 51.h×g6 ♔e6 52.♔e4 ♔f6 53.f5 a6 54.♔f4 a5 55.a4 ♔g7 56.♔g4 ♔f6 57.♔h5 ♔e7

58.♔×h6 ♔d6 59.g7 ♔c5 60.g8♕ ♔b4 1-0

Lapinski,Stephen (1545) − Palaniappan, Arjun (1551) [C06] Class B (3)
1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.♘d2 ♘f6 4.e5 ♘fd7 5.♗d3 c5 6.c3 ♘c6 7.♘e2 c×d4 8.c×d4 f6 9.e×f6 ♘×f6 10.♘f3 ♗d6 11.♗f4 0-0 12.♗×d6 ♕×d6 13.0-0 ♗d7 14.a3 ♖ae8 15.♘g3 e5 16.d×e5 ♘×e5 17.♘×e5 ♕×e5 18.♕b3 ♗c6 19.h3 ♔h8 20.♖ac1 ♕f4 21.♕d1 ♘e4 22.♘×e4 d×e4 23.♗c4 ♖f6 24.♕g4 ♕×g4 25.h×g4 g6 26.♖c3 ♖d8 27.♖e3 ♖f4 28.♗e2 ♖d2 29.b4 ♔g7 30.♖d1 ♖×d1+ 31.♗×d1 ♖f8 32.f3 ♖d8 33.♗c2 e×f3 34.g×f3 ♔f6 35.♔f2 ♖d2+ 36.♖e2 ♖×e2+ 37.♔×e2 ♔e5 38.♔e3 ♔d5 39.♗b3+ ♔e5 40.f4+ ♔f6 41.g5+ ♔g7 42.♔d4 h5 43.g×h6+ ♔×h6 44.♔e5 ♔g7 45.a4 a6 46.a5 ♔h6 47.♔f6 ♗e4 48.♔e5 ♗c6 49.♗c2 g5 50.f×g5+ ♔×g5 51.♔d6 ♔f6 52.♗b3 ♔f5 53.♗d5 ♗×d5 54.♔×d5 ♔f4 55.♔c5 1-0

Weinrich,Joe (1491) − Kozich,A. J. (1583) [B12] Class C (3)
1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 ♗f5 4.♘c3 e6 5.♗d3 ♗×d3 6.♕×d3 ♕b6 7.♘f3 ♘e7 8.a3 ♘g6 9.h4 ♘d7 10.h5 ♘e7 11.♔e2 f6 12.h6 ♘g6 13.h×g7 ♗×g7 14.♖×h7 ♔f7 15.♖×h8 ♖×h8 16.e×f6 ♗×f6 17.b4 ♖h1 18.♘d1 ♕d8 19.♕e3 ♕h8 20.c3 ♕h5 21.♘b2 ♘b6 22.a4 ♘h4 23.g3 ♘×f3 24.♕×f3 ♖e1+ 25.♔×e1 ♕×f3 26.♖a3 e5 27.d×e5 ♗×e5 28.♘d1 ♘c4 0-1

Harder,Timothy (1544) − Carson, Bethany (1614) [B50] Class B (3)
1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 d6 3.c3 ♘f6 4.d3 g6 5.♗e2 ♗g7 6.♗e3 ♘c6 7.♘bd2 0-0 8.0-0 ♗d7 9.♖c1 ♘g4 10.♗f4 e5 11.♗g3 ♘f6 12.d4 ♕e7 13.d5 ♘b8 14.♗d3 b5 15.a4 a6 16.♖a1 b4 17.c×b4 c×b4 18.a5 ♗g4 19.♖c1 ♘bd7 20.♖c7 ♕d8 21.♕c2 ♘c5 22.♖×c5 d×c5 23.♕×c5 ♘d7 24.♕×b4 ♖b8 25.♕c4 ♕×a5 26.♖b1 ♖b5 27.b4 ♕d8 28.♕a2 ♖b6 29.♘c4 ♖b8 30.♘f×e5 ♘×e5 31.♗×e5 ♖a8 32.♗×g7 ♔×g7 33.♘e5 ♗c8 34.♘c6 ♕b6 35.b5 a5 36.♖a1 a4 37.♕c2 ♗b7 38.♖×a4 ♖ac8 39.♖a6 ♕c7 40.♖a7 ♕d6 41.♖a6 ♖c7 42.♕a2 ♕c5 43.♖a3 ♕c1+ 44.♗f1 ♗×c6 45.b×c6 ♕f4 46.♕b2+ ♔g8 47.♖e3 ♕d6 48.♕d4 ♖d8 49.♕b6 ♖cc8 50.♗a6 ♖a8 51.f3 ♖db8 52.♗b7 ♖a1+ 53.♔f2 ♖a2+ 54.♖e2 ♖a3 55.g3 1-0

Wolz,Dave (1654) − Carson,Bethany (1614) [D94] Class B (3)
1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.e3 ♘f6 4.♗d3 g6 5.♘f3 ♗g7 6.0-0 0-0 7.♘c3 ♘bd7 8.e4 d×e4 9.♘×e4 ♘×e4 10.♗×e4 ♘f6 11.♗c2 ♗g4 12.♗e3 ♕d7 13.h3 ♗f5 14.♗×f5 ♕×f5 15.♕b3 b6 16.♘e5 ♕c8 17.♕a4 c5 18.d×c5 b×c5 19.♘c6 ♕b7 20.♗×c5 ♖fe8 21.♖ab1 ♘e4 22.♗e3 ♖ec8 23.♘a5 ♕a6 24.♕c2 ♕×a5 25.♕×e4 ♕×a2 26.♕×e7 ♖×c4 27.b4 a6 28.♗c5 ♖c2 29.♖bd1 ♖d2 30.♕g5 ♖×d1 31.♖×d1 f6 32.♕f4 ♕e6 33.♕f3 ♖b8 34.♖d6 ♕c8 35.♕d5+ ♔h8 36.♖d7 ♕e8 37.♖a7 ♗f8 38.♖×a6 ♗×c5 39.♕×c5 ♕e1+ 40.♔h2 ♕×b4 41.♕×b4 ♖×b4 42.♖×f6 ♔g7 43.♖f3 h5 44.g3 g5 45.♔g2 ♔g6 46.♖c3 ♖b6 47.g4 h×g4 48.h×g4 ♖f6 49.f3 ♖e6 50.♔g3 ♖f6 51.♖c5 ♖e6 52.♖f5 ♖d6 53.♔f2 ♖e6 54.♖a5 ♖f6 55.♖a8 ♔g7 56.♖b8 ♔f7 57.♖b3 ♔g6 58.♖e3 ♖d6 59.♔g3 ♔f6 60.♖e4 ♖c6 61.♔f2 ♖d6 62.♔e3 ♔g6 63.♖d4 ♖e6+ 64.♔d3 ♔f6 65.♖d5 ½-½

Wu,Kyros (1198) − Alvis,Jewels (937) [C55] Class D (3)
1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.♗c4 ♘f6 4.♘c3 d6 5.h3 ♗d7 6.d3 ♘b4 7.♘g5 ♗e7 8.♘×f7 ♕b8 9.♘×h8 c6 10.♗g5 d5 11.♗×f6 ♗×f6 12.e×d5 c5 13.♘e4 ♗h4 14.d6 ♘c6 15.♕h5+ g6 16.♕×h4 ♘d4 17.♕e7# 1-0

Blair,Andrew − Felgar,Stan (1133) [D06] Class D (3)
1.d4 d5 2.c4 ♘f6 3.♗g5 c6 4.♗×f6 e×f6 5.c5 g6 6.♘f3 ♗g7 7.♘c3 0-0 8.e4 ♖e8 9.♗d3 ♘d7 10.♕e2 f5 11.0-0-0 f×e4 12.♗×e4 d×e4 13.♘×e4 b6 14.♖he1 ♕c7 15.g3 ♗b7 16.♕c4 b5 17.♕b3 ♖ad8 18.♘fg5 ♖f8 19.♘e6 f×e6 20.♕×e6+ ♔h8 21.♘g5 ♗h6 22.f4 ♗×g5 23.♕g4 ♗f6 24.♖e6 ♗c8 25.f5 ♖g8 26.♖de1 ♖df8 27.f×g6 ♖×g6 28.♕e4 ♕a5 29.h4 ♕×a2 30.g4 ♕c4+ 31.♔d2 ♕×d4+ 32.♕×d4 ♗×d4 33.♖e8 ♖gg8 34.♖8e4 ♗f2 35.♖f1 ♗×h4 36.♖ff4 ♖×f4 37.♖×f4 ♘×c5 38.♔c2 ♗g5 39.♖f5

♗×f5+ 40.g×f5 ♖f8 41.♔c3 ♖×f5 42.♔b4 ♘b7 43.b3 a6 44.♔c3 0-1

Lamb,Mike − Carson,Tim (1383) [C46] Class D (4)
1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.♘c3 ♗b4 4.a3 ♗a5 5.d4 e×d4 6.♘×d4 ♘f6 7.♗g5 ♘×d4 8.♕×d4 ♗b6 9.♕e5+ ♕e7 10.♕×e7+ ♔×e7 11.♗c4 c6 12.e5 ♖e8 13.0-0 h6 14.e×f6+ g×f6 15.♖ae1+ ♔d8 16.♗×f6+ 0-1

Gudino,Pedro (1808) − Peralta,Luis (1886) [A32] Class MXA (4)
1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 e6 3.g3 c5 4.♗g2 c×d4 5.♘f3 ♘c6 6.♘×d4 ♗c5 7.♘×c6 b×c6 8.0-0 0-0 9.♘c3 ♗a6 10.b3 d5 11.c×d5 c×d5 12.♗b2 ♖c8 13.♖c1 ♕e7 14.♘b1 ♗b6 15.♕d2 ♘e4 16.♗×e4 d×e4 17.♖fd1 ♖fd8 18.♖×c8 ♖×c8 19.♘a3 f5 20.♘c4 ♗×c4 21.b×c4 ♖×c4 22.e3 g6 23.♖c1 ♖×c1+ 24.♕×c1 ♕c7 25.h4 ♕×c1+ 26.♗×c1 ♔f7 27.♗b2 ♔e7 28.♔f1 ♔d6 29.♔e2 e5 30.f3 e×f3+ 31.♔×f3 h5 32.♗a3+ ♔e6 33.♗b4 e4+ 34.♔f2 ♔e5 35.♔e2 ♗c7 36.♔f2 ♔d5 ½-½

Lodh,Anish (1872) − Noble,Cub (1667) [B19] Class MXA (4)
1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.♘c3 d×e4 4.♘×e4 ♗f5 5.♘g3 ♗g6 6.h4 h6 7.♘f3 ♘d7 8.h5 ♗h7 9.♗d3 ♗×d3 10.♕×d3 ♘gf6 11.♗d2 e6 12.0-0-0 ♗d6 13.♘e4 ♘×e4 14.♕×e4 ♘f6 15.♕e2 ♕c7 16.♘e5 0-0-0 17.g4 c5 18.♗f4 c4 19.♖h3 ♘d5 20.♗d2 c3 21.♖×c3 ♘×c3 22.♗×c3 ♗×e5 ½-½

Li,Jack (876) − Tan,Sophie (840) [C44] Class D (4)
1.♘f3 d5 2.g3 ♘c6 3.d3 e5 4.♘bd2 ♘f6 5.e4 ♗d6 6.♗g2 0-0 7.0-0 ♗g4 8.h3 ♗e6 9.♘g5 ♕d7 10.♘×e6 ♕×e6 11.c4 d4 12.b3 ♘b4 13.♗b2 ♘×d3 14.♕c2 ♘×b2 15.♕×b2 ♖ad8 16.♖fe1 ♗c5 17.b4 ♗e7 18.♕a3 a6 19.c5 c6 20.♕a5 ♖b8 21.♕b6 ♖fd8 22.a4 ♖e8 23.♗f1 ♘d7 24.♕a7 ♖a8 25.♕×b7 ♖eb8 26.♕c7 ♖c8 27.♕b7 ♖cb8 28.♕c7 ♖c8 29.♕b7 ♖cb8 ½-½

Carson,Bethany (1614) − Ticachek, Jerome (1600) [B89] Class B (4)
1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 d6 3.d4 c×d4 4.♘×d4 ♘f6 5.♘c3 a6 6.f3 ♘c6 7.♗c4 e6 8.♗e3 ♗e7 9.♕d2 0-0 10.g4 ♘a5 11.♗d3 b5 12.h4 ♗b7 13.h5 ♖c8 14.g5 ♘c4 15.♗×c4 ♘e8 16.♘×e6 ♕d7 17.♘×f8 ♔×f8 18.♗d5 ♗c6 19.g6 f×g6 20.h×g6 1-0

Gatton,Arnie (1361) − Weinrich,Joe (1491) [A36] Class C (4)
1.c4 ♘f6 2.♘c3 c5 3.g3 g6 4.♗g2 ♗g7 5.e4 ♘c6 6.♘ge2 e5 7.0-0 0-0 8.d3 d6 9.f4 ♘e8 10.♘d5 ♘c7 11.f×e5 ♘×e5 12.♘ef4 ♘×d5 13.♘×d5 ♗e6 14.♘e3 ♕d7 15.♖b1 ♖ab8 16.b3 b5 17.♗b2 b×c4 18.d×c4 ♘×c4 19.♘×c4 ♗×c4 20.♗×g7 ♗×f1 21.♗×f8 ♗×g2 22.♗×d6 ♖d8 23.e5 ♗e4 24.♖c1 f6 25.♕e2 f×e5 26.♗×e5 ♕d5 27.♗c3 ♗d3 28.♕e7 ♕d7 29.♕f6 ♗f5 30.♕h8+ ♔f7 31.♕g7+ ♔e6 32.♖e1+ 1-0

Mackey,Doug (1453) − Carson,Sarah Faith (1494) [D43] Class C (4)
1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.♘c3 ♘f6 4.♗g5 e6 5.♘f3 ♗b4 6.e3 ♗×c3+ 7.b×c3 ♘bd7 8.♗d3 ♕a5 9.♕c2 a6 10.0-0 b5 11.c×d5 c×d5 12.♗×f6 ♘×f6 13.♘e5 ♗d7 14.♘×d7 ♔×d7 15.♖fe1 h6 16.e4 d×e4 17.♗×e4 ♖ac8 18.d5 ♕×c3 19.d×e6+ f×e6 20.♕×c3 ♖×c3 21.♖ad1+ ♔c7 22.♖c1 ♘×e4 23.♖×c3+ ♘×c3 24.♖c1 b4 25.a3 ♔b6 26.♔f1 ♖d8 27.♔e1 ♔b5 28.a×b4 ♔×b4 29.f4 a5 30.♖c2 a4 31.♖b2+ ♔c4 32.♖c2 a3 0-1

Alvis,Jewels (937) − Blair,Andrew [D00] Class D (4)
1.d4 d5 2.♘f3 ♘f6 3.♘c3 c6 4.e3 ♗g4 5.♗e2 ♘e4 6.♘×e4 d×e4 7.♘g1 ♗×e2 8.♘×e2 ♕a5+ 9.c3 ♕g5 10.0-0 f5 11.♘f4 ♕h6 12.♕h5+ ♕×h5 13.♘×h5 g6 14.♘g3 e6 15.a4 ♗d6 16.♘e2 b6 17.b4 ♘d7 18.g3 ♘f6 19.b5 c5 20.d×c5 ♗×c5 21.♗a3 0-0-0 22.♗×c5 b×c5 23.c4 ♖d2 24.♘f4 ♖hd8 25.♘×e6 ♖8d6 26.♘×c5 ♘g4 27.♘b3 ♖2d3 28.♖ab1 h5 29.h4 ♘e5 30.c5 ♖6d5 31.c6 ♘f3+ 32.♔g2 ♘d2 33.♘×d2 ♖×d2 34.a5 ♖2d3 35.♔h3 ♖a3 36.a6 ♖a2 37.b6 ♖×a6 38.b7+ ♔b8 39.c7+ ♔×c7 40.b8♕+ ♔d7 41.♕b7+ ♔e6 1-0

Okoboji 2018

By Eric Vigil

I picked up GM Kannapan at the Iowa City Bus station on Thursday 18 April right after my Big Ideas; Life in the Universe Class at the University of Iowa. He looked slightly worried, standing there, that I had forgotten about him. We walked across downtown Iowa City to my car, then home for a quick bite.

Thursday evening we went to Christ the King Lutheran Church in Iowa City for the weekly Pawnstormers Chess Training, but since GM Kannapan was in town we invited everyone in town for a lecture. Over 40 people showed up to participate. Then we had some Blitz! At first Priyadharshan was unsure about playing and changed his mind when noticing there was an odd number. And what the heck, it's blitz ratings.

His first Opponent was Asim Shivapur, who is a rather new player, and was absolutely thrilled to play a Grandmaster at this early stage in his chess career. I saw Asim's dad smiling that his son got to play a GM in a rated game that will forever be on the US Chess games database, and when Asim becomes a Grandmaster, he will say his first GM Game was vs GM Kannepan. In round 3 Local chess Expert Gokul Thangavel scored the upset vs GM Kannepan, who shrugged it off saying, "I guess I taught my student (Gokul) too much."

Round 4 saw Gokul falling to Joseph Wan, and then round 5 Joseph defeated Daniel Brashaw to win with a perfect 5-0. Everyone had a great time, unfortunately with so many people things ran a little late and some people from Cedar Rapids had to leave a little early and didn't finish the tournament.

Friday Morning I had to take my College Physics I midterm. I tried to get out of it, but my professor said going to Okaboji to run a FIDE rated chess tournament was not an acceptable excuse for missing an exam. Luckily the Exam was in the morning, (Ps I got an A in the class) after which we high tailed it to Okaboji. Surprisingly in my driveway when I came home from the

Exam was Daniel Johnson, who we who drive with him to chess tournaments call lovingly “five cheeseburger Dan” as the last time we went to Okaboji we stopped at a McDonald’s and he ordered 5 cheeseburgers without ketchup and Mustard, and when he got them, took one bite of a burger, noticed the mustard and Ketchup on the burgers, and had them all returned and 5 more cheeseburgers made, then ate them all. It reminded me of the scene in the Blues Brothers movie where Jake Orders 2 fried chickens and a coke. This year when he found out that we called him 5 cheeseburger Dan, he ordered 3 double cheeseburgers just to outdo himself. Now we must call him 6 cheeseburger Dan. The car ride across Iowa was full of conversation, the farther north we got, the colder and more snow was on the ground. Northern Iowa had a surprise blizzard two days earlier and there was a foot of snow when we got to Okaboji.

Round 1 GM Kannepan had quite a challenge, perhaps the car ride lulled him into a dreamstate, but he was certainly woken up by John Linscott. It seemed like John had a good position and Priyadharshan was quite low on time, perhaps forgetting this was 5 second delay and not 30 second increment GM Kannepan was down to under 2 min, and John had close to 30 min. But this is when GM Kannepan kicked it into high gear, the stress of the situation brought out sweat and a sweet endgame with his Knights dancing around the board in a rhythmic fashion always pecking away at Mr. Linscott’s position, as smaller birds harass Hawks soaring a little too near their nests. When John succumbed to the pressure, I felt for him as coming so close to perhaps a win, but certainly a draw.

Iowa Expert Michael Takahashi, Masters Tim McEntee and James Neal; and Minnesota Master Samrug Narayanan all tried to fell the GM, none came as close as round 1.

On Saturday evening we all congregated to the traditional Mexican meal at Dos Pueblos to share chess stories and comraderies. I was very happy to chat with Sam Smith and am excited to go and play

in next year's final Catfish Open.

In the Reserve section Kian Thompson went undefeated with a score of 4.5 and in second place was Dan Johnson, who won the Reserve section 4 years ago, finished second with a 4.0. He was upset by triumphant return to chess after 7 years by Nick B. Wideman whose published rating for April was 210. He hadn't played chess in a tournament since 2011. I could tell he has been practicing a little bit, when he squeezed out a victory against me in the Friday Night Blitz event. I suggested a trip to Chicago for the Chicago Class tournament where he might win a large amount of money.

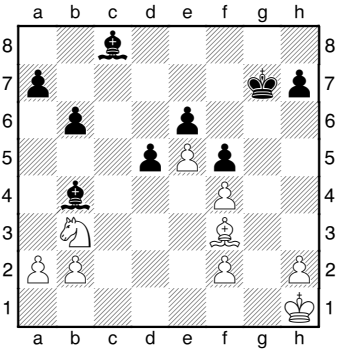
All in All a great event with James Neal coming away with 12 Iowa qualifying points, Robert Reynolds 9.

Games:

Annotated by GM Priyadharshan Kannappan

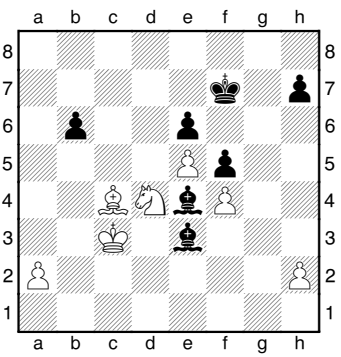
McEntee,Tim R (2101) − Priyadharshan, Kannappan **(2536) [A90]** (3)

1.d4 e6 2.c4 f5 3.g3 ♘f6 4.♗g2 c6 5.♘h3!? [The experts believe this is the best move in this position] **5...d5 6.0-0 ♗d6 7.♗f4** [The way white should handle these positions is to exploit the weak e5 square and open the Q−side at the opportune moment] **7...♗e7** [Saving the bishop] **8.♕d3?!** [This move made very little sense to me, as the Q doesn't do much on d3. The highest rated game in the position went in the following way 8.♕c2 0-0 9.♖d1 h6 10.♘c3 ♕e8 11.♖ac1 g5 12.♗e5 ♘bd7 13.f3 ♘×e5 14.d×e5 ♘d7 15.f4 d×c4 16.♘b1 g×f4 17.g×f4 1/2-1/2 (55) Aronian,L (2792)−Carlsen,M (2855) Leuven 2016] **8...0-0** [8...h6!? The plan of h6-g5 is very common in these structures, and I was considering it, but decided to play moves that are more principled] **9.♘d2 ♘h5** [Attempting to get rid of the bishop. 9...h6= 10.♘f3 g5 11.♗×b8 ♖×b8 12.♘e5 ♔g7 13.f4 g4 14.♘f2 I had this position in mind, and it was tough for me to assess, so I decided not to venture to this line] **10.♗e5** [10.♗×b8 ♖×b8 11.♘f3 g5 12.♘e5 g4 13.♘f4 ♘×f4 14.g×f4 h5∞] **10...♘d7 11.♘f4** [11.♖fc1±] **11...♘×e5∓ 12.d×e5 ♕e8?!** [12...♘×f4 13.g×f4 h6 with the idea of g5 and the game is very balanced] **13.♘b3?!** [13.e3 g5 14.♘e2 ♘g7 15.♖fc1 A very complex where white is slightly preferable, as his minor pieces are placed on good squares] **13...♘×f4** [13...g5 14.♘×h5 ♕×h5 15.c×d5 e×d5 16.f4±] **14.g×f4 ♗d7 15.♖fd1** [If it was white to play, white plays cd5□ ♗d5□ ♕d5 and capture the d7 bishop] **15...♖f7** [Better is 15...♔h8=] **16.♖ac1** [16.♘d4±] **16...g5!=** [Black strikes on the flank, as waiting further would lead to white opening up the center, and control the open files with his heavy pieces] **17.e3 g×f4 18.e×f4 ♖g7 19.♔h1 ♔h8 20.♗f3 ♗f8 21.c×d5 c×d5 22.♕e3!** [22.♖c7? b6 23.♕e3 ♕d8 24.♖dc1 ♕h4∓] **22...b6 23.♖g1 ♖c8 24.♕d2 ♕e7 25.♖g3 ♕b4** [I had played a very similar ending with IM John Bartholomew, and I had won a fine endgame, so I knew this was a very tough to defend position for white. 25...♖×c1+ is interesting. 26.♕×c1 ♕d8 27.♗e2 a5 28.♘d4 ♗c5] **26.♖×c8 ♗×c8 27.♕×b4! ♗×b4 28.♖×g7** [28.♗e2 keeps more tension. 28...♗e7 29.♔g2 ♗d7 30.♗a6 b5 31.♘d4] **28...♔×g7**



[Endgame KBB−KBN] **29.♔g2 a5? 30.♔g3?** [White could have achieved a solid setup with 30.♘d4 ♗c5 31.♘b5 ♔f7 32.♗e2∓ Not sure how black can breakthrough] **30...♗d7** [White cannot put a piece on b5 anymore] **31.♗e2 ♗c5 32.♘c1** [32.♘×c5= is more appropriate. 32...b×c5 33.♔f3] **32...♗d4∓ 33.b3** [33.♘d3∓] **33...a4** [Black should play 33...♗b2∓ 34.♘d3 ♗c3] **34.b×a4∓ ♗×a4 35.♘b3 ♗c5 36.♗a6 ♗e8!** [Long−range pieces control the most, when they are near the starting squares] **37.♗e2 ♔f8 38.♗d3 ♔e7 39.♘c1 ♗a3 40.♘b3 ♗c5 41.♘c1 ♗c6 42.♔f3 ♔d8 43.♔e2 ♗e8 44.♘b3 ♗h5+ 45.♔e1 ♗b4+ 46.♔f1 ♗c3 47.♔g2 ♗e8 48.♔f3** [By now, my opponent was under 5 minutes, and all I had to do was to pose him small threats, and I felt that he would have been accustomed to the current pawn structure, so when I change the pawn structure he would have to look out for new threats] **48...d4!?** [48...♗d7∓] **49.♗c4= ♔e7 50.♔e2 ♗c6 51.♗d3 ♗d5 52.♗b5 ♔f7 53.♔d3 ♗e4+ 54.♔c4?** [⌓54.♔e2 ♗b1 *(54...♔g6 55.♗e8+ ♔g7=)* 55.♘c1 ♗b2 56.♔d2 ♗×c1+ 57.♔×c1 ♗×a2 58.♔c2=]

54...♗e1 55.♘×d4 [55.f3!= remains equal. 55...♗×f3 56.♘×d4 ♗d5+ 57.♔d3 ♗×a2=] **55...♗×f2∓ 56.♔c3 ♗e3 57.♗c4?**



[57.♘e2∓] **57...♗×f4□ + 58.♗×e6+ ♔g6 59.♗d7 ♗×e5** [Black is clearly winning.] **60.h3 f4 61.♗g4 f3 62.♔c4 ♗×d4 63.♔×d4 f2 0-1**

Fabian,Mitchell (1706) − Cusumano, Steven (1937) [B50] (1)
1.e4 c5 2.b3 ♘c6 3.♗b2 d6 4.♘f3 e5 5.♘c3 ♘f6 6.♗b5 ♗e7 7.♕e2 0-0 8.♘d5 ♘×d5 9.e×d5 ♘b4 10.♗d3 f5 11.a3 ♘×d3+ 12.c×d3 ♕b6 13.♕d1 e4 14.♘g1 e×d3 15.♖c1 ♖e8 16.♔f1 ♗d7 17.♘h3 ♗a4 18.♕f3 ♕×b3 19.♗×g7 ♔×g7 20.♕×f5 ♕b2 21.♖e1 ♗f6 22.♕g4+ ♔h8 23.♖×e8+ ♖×e8 24.g3 ♕×d2 25.♘f4 ♗d1 26.♘g6+ h×g6 27.♕×g6 ♕e2+ 28.♔g2 ♕e4+ 0-1

Murray,William (2033) − Mc Entee,Tim (2200) [A40] (4)
1.d4 e6 2.♗f4 b6 3.e3 ♗b7 4.♘f3 f5 5.c4 ♘f6 6.♘c3 ♗b4 7.♗e2 0-0 8.0-0 ♗×c3 9.b×c3 d6 10.♕b3 ♘bd7 11.c5 d5 12.c×b6 a×b6 13.c4 ♘e4 14.♖fc1 ♖a7 15.♖c2 ♗c6 16.a4 g5 17.♘e5 ♘×e5 18.♗×e5 ♕d7 19.♖ca2 ♖fa8 20.f3 ♘d6 21.♗×d6 ♕×d6 22.c×d5 ♗×d5 23.♗c4 ♖a5 24.e4 f×e4 25.f×e4 ♗×c4 26.♕×c4 b5 27.a×b5 ♖×a2 28.♖×a2 ♖×a2 29.♕×a2 ♕×d4+ 30.♔f1 ♕×e4 31.h3 ♔f7 32.♔g1 ♕e1+ 33.♔h2 ♕e5+ 34.♔h1 ♕×b5 35.♕f2+ ♕f5 0-1

Fee,Kenneth (1912) − Reynolds,Robert (1978) [D00] (4)
1.d4 d5 2.♗f4 ♘c6 3.e3 f6 4.c3 g6 5.♘f3 ♗g7 6.♘bd2 e5 7.d×e5 f×e5 8.♗g5 ♗f6 9.♗×f6 ♘×f6 10.♗b5 e4 11.♘d4 ♗d7 12.♗×c6 b×c6 13.b4 ♘g4 14.♕e2 0-0 15.0-0 ♕e7 16.h3 ♘e5 17.f4 e×f3 18.♘2×f3 ♘c4 19.♖fe1 ♖ae8 20.♘c2 ♕e4 21.♘g5 ♕e5 22.♘f3 ♕×c3 23.♘fd4 ♘×e3 0-1

White,Eric (1477) − Delay,Joe (1693) [A29] (5)
1.c4 e5 2.♘c3 ♘f6 3.♘f3 ♘c6 4.g3 d5 5.c×d5 ♘×d5 6.♗g2 ♘b6 7.0-0 ♗e7 8.d3 0-0 9.a3 ♗e6 10.b4 a5 11.b5 ♘d4 12.♘d2 ♘d5 13.♘×d5 ♗×d5 14.♗×d5 ♕×d5 15.a4 ♗b4 16.e4 ♕d7 17.♗b2 ♖ad8 18.♘c4 ♖fe8 19.♖c1 b6 20.♔g2 f6 21.♗×d4 ♕×d4 22.♕b3 ♕×d3 23.♘×a5+ ♕×b3 24.♘×b3 ♖d3 25.♘a1 ♗d6 26.♘c2 ♖a8 27.♖a1 ♗c5 28.♖fe1 ♖c3 29.♘e3 ♗×e3 30.♖×e3 ♖c4 31.♖d3 ♖×e4 32.♔f3 ♖c4 33.♖ad1 ♔f8 34.♖d7 h5 35.h4 f5 36.♖1d5 ♖e8 37.♔e3 c6 38.b×c6 ♖×c6 39.♖b7 ♖e7 40.♖×e7 ♔×e7 41.♖×e5+ ♔f6 42.♖b5 g6 43.a5 b×a5
½-½

Narayanan,Samrug (2215) − Priyadharshan, Kannappan (2600) [B31] (5)
1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.♗b5 g6 4.0-0 ♗g7 5.c3 ♘f6 6.♖e1 0-0 7.d4 c×d4 8.c×d4 d5 9.e5 ♘e4 10.♘c3 ♘×c3 11.b×c3 ♕a5 12.♕b3 ♗g4 13.♘h4 ♘×d4 14.♕a3 ♕×a3 15.♗×a3 ♘×b5 16.♗×e7 ♖fe8 0-1

Fabian,Mitchell (1706) − Linscott,John (1873) [C56] (5)
1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.d4 e×d4 4.♗c4 ♘f6 5.e5 d5 6.♗b5 ♘e4 7.♘×d4 ♗d7 8.♗×c6 b×c6 9.0-0 ♗e7 10.f3 ♘c5 11.♘c3 0-0 12.♘ce2 f6 13.f4 ♕e8 14.♘g3 f×e5 15.f×e5 ♕g6 16.♗f4 ♘e6 17.♘×e6 ♗×e6 18.♕d3 ♗c5+ 19.♔h1 ♕×d3 20.c×d3 ♗d4 21.♖ac1 c5 22.b3 ♗f5 23.♘×f5 ♖×f5 24.♗g3 ♖×f1+ 25.♖×f1 ♖f8 26.♖f3 ♖×f3 27.g×f3 g5 28.♔g2 c6 29.♔h3 ♔g7 30.♔g4 ♔g6 31.f4 h5+ 32.♔f3 g4+ 33.♔e2 ♔f5 34.♗f2 h4
½-½

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1	Kannappan, Priyad	MO	2600*	2606*	W15	W8	W5	W2	W4	5.0
2	Neal, James Alex,	IA	2261*	2278*	W16	W6	W4	L1	W5	4.0
3	Reynolds, Robert	IA	1978*	1991*	W20	L4	D12	W10	W9	3.5
4	Narayanan, Samrug	MN	2215*	2216*	W11	W3	L2	W8	L1	3.0
5	Mc Entee, Tim R	IA	2200*	2201*	W12	W9	L1	W6	L2	3.0
6	Murray, William J	MN	2033*	2035*	W13	L2	W11	L5	W12	3.0
7	Thompson, Tony D	IA	1897*	1889*	D14	W21	L8	W18	H0	3.0
8	Takahashi, Michae	IA	2019*	2024*	W17	L1	W7	L4	H0	2.5
9	Cusumano, Steven	NE	1937*	1929*	W18	L5	D14	W15	L3	2.5
10	Fee, Kenneth E, J	MO	1912*	1900*	D19	D19	W21	L3	H0	2.5
11	Noble, Cub Rollin	IA	1780*	1789*	L4	W20	L6	W14	D13	2.5
12	Baker, John M	MN	1779*	1809*	L5	W13	D3	W19	L6	2.5
13	Konezny, Stuart	MN	1671*	1697*	L6	L12	W17	W20	D11	2.5
14	Reigenborn, Jonat	NE	1674*	1687*	D7	D16	D9	L11	B0	2.5
15	Linscott, John	NE	1873*	1859*	L1	D17	W16	L9	D18	2.0
16	Ellis, James S	WI	1778*	1763*	L2	D14	L15	W21	D17	2.0
17	Curfman, Troy	FL	1741*	1724*	L8	D15	L13	B0	D16	2.0
18	Fabian, Mitchell	TX	1706*	1704*	L9	B0	D19	L7	D15	2.0
19	Gaul, Thomas	IA	1882*	1860*	D10	D10	D18	L12	U0	1.5
20	Delay, Joe	IL	1693*	1650*	L3	L11	B0	L13	D21	1.5
21	White, Eric A	MN	1477*	1473*	B0	L7	L10	L16	D20	1.5

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1	Thompson, Kian	IA	1443*	1543*	W24	W4	W6	D7	W3	4.5
2	Johnson, Daniel	IA	1499*	1494*	W20	L19	W9	W16	W7	4.0
3	Popov, Sergey	IA	1558*	1567*	D7	W10	W15	W11	L1	3.5
4	Pattrick, Earney	MO	1500*	1511*	W16	L1	W23	D6	W11	3.5
5	Marks, Susanna	SD	1395*	1394*	L6	D22	W18	W12	W10	3.5
6	Paulson, Michael	KS	1199*	1387*	W5	W14	L1	D4	W16	3.5
7	Huggins, Jimmy	KS	1409*	1422*	D3	W21	W12	D1	L2	3.0
8	Matthews, Elias	IA	1282*	1272*	L9	W17	D14	H0	W18	3.0
9	Wiley, Jerry	IA	1063*	1121*	W8	L15	L2	W24	W19	3.0
10	Tao, Arthur	SD	1506*	1467*	H0	L3	W21	W19	L5	2.5
11	Smith, Sam R	MN	1489*	1447*	D21	W13	W19	L3	L4	2.5
12	Prasad, Mrithuul	IA	1159*	1171*	H0	W18	L7	L5	W20	2.5
13	Tao, Jianning	SD	1192*	1177*	H0	L11	L20	W21	W24	2.5
14	Adams, Lynn P	MN	1500*	1500*	W23	L6	D8	D15	U0	2.0
15	Jacobs, Steve	IA	1400*	1400*	H0	W9	L3	D14	U0	2.0
16	Broich, William	IA	1400*	1400*	L4	W24	W22	L2	L6	2.0
17	Williams, James	IA	916*	898*	L18	L8	L24	B0	W22	2.0
18	Landrew, Paul K	IA	861/05	986/10	W17	L12	L5	W23	L8	2.0
19	Wideman, Nick	KS	405/15	503/19	B0	W2	L11	L10	L9	2.0
20	Marks, Hannah	SD	1083*	1071*	L2	L23	W13	D22	L12	1.5
21	Marks, Chet	SD	1071*	1063*	D11	L7	L10	L13	B0	1.5
22	Tao, Christopher	SD	1002*	988*	H0	D5	L16	D20	L17	1.5
23	Hale, Roger	MN	1300*	1300*	L14	W20	L4	L18	U0	1.0
24	Vigil, Joseph	IA	967*	954*	L1	L16	W17	L9	L13	1.0

HEADLINE: **Wan, Brashaw Win Mucho in Cinco Tourney at Western**

DATELINE: MOLINE, Ill. -- National masters Joseph Wan and Dan Brashaw drew their game against each in the final round to split top prize at the Cinco de Mayo Chess Tournament. They had 3.5 out of 4 scores.

The event was held May 5 at the Western Illinois University's Quad-City Campus in Moline. The Iowa mini-qualifier and Illinois Tour Event was sponsored by the Western Illinois Leatherneck Chess Club with assistance from the Illowa Chess Club of the Quad-Cities.

Third place prize money was split between David Sye of Arlington Heights, Ill. and Pedro Gudino of East Moline. Both had 3-1 scores.

Splitting the under 1400 prize with 2 points apiece were Rahul Bammidi of Bloomington, Ill., Jacob Vigil and Eric Vigil, both of Iowa City.

Twenty players competed in the event. Representation was split evenly between Iowa and Illinois.

Luis Peralta did the heavy lifting in organizing the event. Rick Rector directed it.

An unrated section for beginners was also held with 27 players in that event. Cody Noble and Christian Dawson went undefeated to share the top prize. Tony Britton directed that event.

The playing facility was fabulous -- a nice campus setting, with spacious quiet, rooms and a nice-sized skittles area for parents and players to relax between games. And when they weren't using the skittles area, young players and parents could be seen on the campus lawn sunning themselves or playing catch with a softball.

The hit of the day? Free pizza, which was quickly scarfed up by chess players, came compliments of Western Illinois.

Special thanks goes out to Helena Lira and Curtis Williams from Western Illinois for their assistance in arranging the use of the facility and arranging for the free pizza.

Also a big shout out to those players and parents who braved the I-74 bridge construction detours.

Attached are a couple of photos. One is Brashaw and Wan with their prize money. The other is of action from the day.

Helena: Thanks again for all the help you provided in making this event happen. The participating chessplayers and clubs can't say thank you enough.

Again, thanks to all.

Rick Rector

Puzzle Time Answers:
1.♗f6+ ♔f8 2.♕e7+ ♔g8 3.♕×g7 mate

1.♕g6+ ♔f8 2.♘h7+ ♖×h7 ♕g8 mate

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1	Brashaw, Daniel	IA	2287*	2289*	W9	W5	W7	D2	3.5
2	Wan, Joseph Cheng	IA	2241*	2245*	W10	W16	W6	D1	3.5
3	Sye, David P	IL	1836*	1839*	D11	W19	W15	D5	3.0
4	Gudino, Pedro	IL	1758*	1757*	L12	W20	W11	W7	3.0
5	Mueller, Artur	IA	1763*	1770*	W14	L1	W12	D3	2.5
6	Shukla, Abhyudaya	IA	1710*	1729*	W18	W15	L2	D9	2.5
7	Peralta, Luis M	IL	1896*	1877*	W20	W12	L1	L4	2.0
8	Blade, Thomas A	IL	1855*	1831*	D19	D11	W17	U0	2.0
9	Ritter, Daniel	IL	1650*	1646*	L1	D14	W19	D6	2.0
10	Millam, Joseph Ro	IA	1404/20	1406/24	L2	L13	W20	W14	2.0
11	Bammidi, Rahul	IL	1360*	1402*	D3	D8	L4	W18	2.0
12	Vigil, Eric Golf	IA	1251*	1368*	W4	L7	L5	W17	2.0
13	Vigil, Jacob T	IA	1125*	1156*	L16	W10	L14	B0	2.0
14	Plotnick, Jacob	IL	1310*	1320*	L5	D9	W13	L10	1.5
15	Garrett, Daniel Z	IL	1899*	1863*	W17	L6	L3	U0	1.0
16	Darr, Benjamin J	IA	1789*	1788*	W13	L2	U0	U0	1.0
17	Reedy, Edward	IL	1448*	1417*	L15	W18	L8	L12	1.0
18	Kelsall, Blake	IL	789/00	789/03	L6	L17	B0	L11	1.0
19	Reke, David Edwar	IA	1372*	1380*	D8	L3	L9	U0	0.5
20	Kromphardt, Roger	IA	1412*	1400*	L7	L4	L10	U0	0.0

Games:

Ritter,Daniel (1650) − NM Brashaw, Daniel (2287) [B96] (1)
1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 d6 3.d4 c×d4 4.♘×d4 ♘f6 5.♘c3 a6 6.♗g5 e6 7.f4 ♘bd7 8.♕f3 ♕c7 9.0-0-0 b5 10.♗d3 ♗b7 11.f5 e5 12.♘b3 ♗e7 13.♗×f6 ♘×f6 14.♖hf1 b4 15.♘e2 ♗c6 16.g4 h6 17.♔b1 a5 18.♘d2 ♕b7 19.b3 a4 20.♖c1 ♘d7 21.♖cd1 ♘c5 22.♘c1 0-0 23.♖f2 ♖fd8 24.h3 d5 25.♖e1 ♗h4 26.♖fe2 ♗×e1 27.♖×e1 d×e4 28.♘×e4 ♘×d3 29.♘×d3 a×b3 30.c×b3 ♖d4 31.♘dc5 ♕e7 32.♕f2 ♗×e4+ 33.♖×e4 ♖d1+ 0-1

Reedy,Edward (1448) − Garrett,Daniel Z (1889) [B13] (1)
1.d4 ♘f6 2.♘f3 c5 3.e3 c×d4 4.e×d4 d5 5.c3 ♗g4 6.♗e2 ♘c6 7.♗f4 ♘h5 8.♗e3 ♕b6 9.♕b3 ♕×b3 10.a×b3 f5 11.h3 ♗×f3 12.♗×f3 ♘f6 13.♘d2 e6 14.♗f4 ♔d7 15.0-0 ♗d6 16.♗×d6 ♔×d6 17.♗e2 a6 18.♘f3 h6 19.♖fe1 g5 20.♘h2 h5 21.f3 h4 22.♔f2 ♖hf8 23.♖g1 g4 24.♔e1 g3 25.♘f1 f4 26.♘d2 ♘e7 27.♗d3 ♘e8 28.♔d1 ♘g7 29.♘f1 ♖ac8 30.♖a4 ♖c6 31.♔d2 ♖b6 32.b4 ♖c6 33.♖a5 ♘c8 34.♖c5 ♘a7 0-1

Peralta,Luis M (1896) − Kromphardt, Roger (1412) [D15] (1)
1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 c6 3.♘c3 d5 4.♘f3 ♘bd7 5.♗g5 ♘e4 6.♘×e4 d×e4 7.♘d2 ♕a5 8.♗f4 g5 9.♗e3 h6 10.h4 g×h4 11.♖×h4 f5 12.a3 e5 13.b4 ♕c7 14.f4 e×f3 15.e×f3 f4 16.♗f2 ♘f6 17.♕c2 ♗e6 18.♕g6+ ♕f7 19.♕×f7+ ♗×f7 20.d×e5 ♘d7 21.♖×f4 ♘×e5 22.♖e4 ♗g7 23.♗d4 ♗g6 24.♖e3 0-0-0 25.♗×e5 ♖he8 26.f4 ♗×e5 27.f×e5 ♖e6 28.♘f3 ♗h5 29.♖d1 ♖de8 30.♖d2 ♗×f3 31.g×f3 ♖×e5 32.♖×e5 ♖×e5+ 33.♔f2 ♖h5 34.f4 ♖h2+ 35.♔e3 ♖×d2 36.♔×d2 ♔d7 37.♗h3+ ♔e7 38.♔e3 ♔f6 39.♗c8 b6 40.♔e4 h5 41.c5 h4 42.c×b6 a×b6 43.a4 ♔e7 44.a5 ♔d8 45.♗b7 ♔c7 46.a6 c5 47.b×c5 b×c5 48.f5 h3 49.♔d3 ♔b6 50.♔c4 ♔c7 51.♔×c5 ♔b8 52.f6 h2 53.♗h1 ♔a7 54.f7 ♔×a6 55.f8♕ 1-0

Reke,David Edward (1372) − Blade, Thomas (1855) [D53] (1)
1.d4 ♘f6 2.♗g5 d5 3.c4 e6 4.e3 ♗e7 5.♘c3 ♕d6 6.♘f3 ♘bd7 7.♗d3 h6 8.♗h4 c6 9.0-0 d×c4 10.♗×c4 ♘b6 11.♗d3 ♘bd5 12.♘e5 ♕c7 13.♕c2 ♘b4 14.♕e2 ♘×d3 15.♕×d3 ♖b8 16.♕c2 a6 17.♖fd1 c5 18.♗g3 ♗d6 19.d×c5 ♕×c5 20.♘d3 ♕f5 21.♗×d6
½-½

Plotnick,Jacob (1310) − Mueller,Artur (1763) [B52] (1)
1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 d6 3.♗b5+ ♗d7 4.♗×d7+ ♘×d7 5.♘c3 ♘gf6 6.0-0 e6 7.d3 ♗e7 8.♗d2 0-0 9.♕e2 a6 10.♖fe1 ♕c7 11.e5 d×e5 12.♘×e5 ♘×e5 13.♕×e5 ♗d6 14.♕e2 ♗×h2+ 15.♔h1 ♗d6 16.♘e4 ♘×e4 17.♕×e4 ♖ac8 18.♗c3 ♖ce8 19.g3 e5 20.f4 e×f4 21.♕×e8 ♖×e8 22.♖×e8+ ♗f8 23.♖ae1 f×g3 24.♔g2 ♕f4 25.♖1e2 ♕h4 26.♔g1 f5 27.d4 ♔f7 28.d5 c4 29.♖×f8+ ♔×f8 30.d6 ♕d8 31.♗b4 ♕b6+ 32.♔f1 ♕×b4 33.d7 ♕e7 0-1

Gudino,Pedro (1758) − Vigil,Eric Golf (1251) [B23] (1)
[Best Upset Game]
1.e4 c5 2.♘c3 e6 3.f4 d5 4.♗b5+ ♘c6 5.♗×c6+ b×c6 6.d3 ♗e7 7.♘f3 ♘f6 8.0-0 0-0 9.♕e1 ♕c7 10.h3 ♗a6 11.g4 d×e4 12.♘×e4 ♘d5 13.♕g3 c4 14.♘e5 c×d3 15.♘×d3 c5 16.c3 ♗×d3 17.♕×d3 c4 18.♕e2 f5 19.♘g5 f×g4 20.♕×e6+ ♔h8 21.♕×d5 ♗×g5 22.♕×g5 g×h3 23.♗e3 ♖f6 24.♔h2 ♖g6 25.♕e5 ♕c6 26.♖g1 ♖g2+ 27.♔×h3 ♕f3+ 0-1

Vigil,Jacob T (1125) − Darr,Benjamin J (1789) [C49] (1)
1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.♘c3 ♘f6 4.♗b5 ♗b4 5.d3 d6 6.0-0 0-0 7.h3 h6 8.a3 ♗c5 9.♗×c6 b×c6 10.d4 e×d4 11.♘×d4 ♗d7 12.♖e1 ♖e8 13.♗f4 ♗b6 14.a4 a6 15.♘f3 ♘h7 16.e5 d5 17.♕d3 ♘f8 18.h4 ♗g4 19.g3 ♘g6 20.♘e2 ♗×f3 21.♕×f3 ♘×e5 22.♗×e5 ♖×e5 23.c3 ♕e7 24.♔f1 ♖e8 25.♕d3 ♕e6 26.♕×a6 ♕h3+ 27.♔g1 ♕f5 28.♘f4 ♖×e1+ 29.♖×e1 ♖×e1+ 30.♔h2 g5 31.♕a8+ ♔h7 32.h×g5 h×g5 33.♘h3 ♖h1+ 0-1

Shukla,Ayhyudaya (1710) − Kelsall, Blake [C54] (1)
1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.♗c4 ♘f6 4.0-0 ♗c5 5.c3 ♘×e4 6.d4 ♗d6 7.♖e1 ♘f6 8.d×e5 ♗×e5 9.♘×e5 0-0 10.♘×c6 b×c6 11.♗g5 d5 12.♗d3 h6 13.♗h4 ♖b8 14.♕c2 g5 15.♗g3 ♖e8 16.♘d2 ♖b6

17.♗e5 ♕e7 18.♗×f6 ♕d6 19.♖×e8+ ♕f8 20.♗h7# 1-0

NM Brashaw,Daniel (2287) − Mueller, Artur (1763) [B81] (2)
1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 d6 3.d4 c×d4 4.♘×d4 ♘f6 5.♘c3 a6 6.h3 e6 7.g4 ♗e7 8.♗g2 ♕c7 9.♗e3 ♘c6 10.♕e2 ♘a5 11.0-0-0 0-0 12.g5 ♘d7 13.f4 ♘c4 14.h4 ♘×e3 15.♕×e3 b5 16.a3 ♖b8 17.h5 ♘b6 18.f5 ♘c4 19.♕g3 ♔h8 20.♖hf1 b4 21.a×b4 ♖×b4 22.♘b3 ♕b6 23.f6 g×f6 24.g×f6 ♗×f6 25.♖×f6 ♖g8 26.♕f2 ♕×f2 27.♖×f2 ♘e3 28.♖dd2 ♖×g2 29.♖×g2 ♘×g2 30.♖×g2 ♗b7 31.♘d2 f5 32.♖e2 f4 33.h6 ♗c6 34.♖g2 ♖b8 35.♘c4 d5 36.♘e5 ♗e8 37.e×d5 e×d5 38.♘×d5 ♗g6 39.♘f6 ♖c8 40.♖×g6 h×g6 41.♘×g6# 1-0

Darr,Benjamin J (1789) − NM Wan, Joseph Cheng−Yue (2241) [C17] (2)
1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.♘c3 ♗b4 4.e5 c5 5.♗d2 ♘h6 6.a3 ♗×c3 7.b×c3 ♘c6 8.♘f3 ♘f5 9.♗b5 ♗d7 10.♗×c6 ♗×c6 11.0-0 ♖c8 12.♗g5 ♕a5 13.g4 ♘h6 14.♗×h6 g×h6 15.♕d2 ♖g8 16.h3 h5 17.g5 c×d4 18.♕×d4 ♗a4 19.♕h4 ♕×c3 20.♕×h5 ♗×c2 21.♖ac1 ♖c4 22.h4 0-1

Vigil,Eric Golf (1251) − Peralta,Luis M (1896) [D02] (2)
1.d4 ♘f6 2.h3 e6 3.♘f3 c5 4.♗f4 d5 5.e3 ♘c6 6.♗b5 ♗d7 7.♗×c6 ♗×c6 8.♘e5 ♗b5 9.♘a3 c×d4 10.♕×d4 ♗×a3 11.b×a3 0-0 12.♗g5 h6 13.♗h4 ♖c8 14.♘g4 ♕a5+ 15.♔d1 ♘×g4 16.h×g4 ♖c4 17.♕b2 ♖×g4 18.f3 ♖×g2 19.♗e1 ♕a6 20.♕d4 ♕a4 21.♕b2 ♖c8 22.♗c3 ♗e2+ 23.♔e1 ♗×f3 24.♖×h6 g×h6 25.♕×b7 ♕c4 0-1

Blade,Thomas A (1855) − Bammidi, Rahul (1360) [D44] (2)
1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.♘c3 e6 4.♘f3 ♘f6 5.♗g5 d×c4 6.e3 b5 7.♗e2 ♗e7 8.0 0 ♘bd7 9.♘e5 ♗b7 10.♗f3 ♕c7 11.♗f4 ♕c8 12.a4 a6 13.b3 ♘×e5 14.♗×e5 b4 15.♘e4 c3 16.♗×f6 ♗×f6 17.♘×f6+ g×f6 18.♕c2 h5
½-½

Kromphardt,Roger (1412) − Gudino, Pedro (1758) [B04] (2)
1.e4 ♘f6 2.e5 ♘d5 3.c4 ♘b6 4.♘c3 d6 5.♘f3 g6 6.d4 ♗g7 7.♗f4 ♘c6 8.d5 ♘×e5 9.c5 ♘×f3+ 10.♕×f3 d×c5 11.♗b5+ ♗d7 12.0-0 a6 13.♗×d7+ ♕×d7 14.♖ad1 0-0 15.♘e4 ♖ad8 16.♘×c5 ♕b5 17.♘×b7 ♖×d5 18.♖×d5 ♘×d5 19.♗e3 ♕×b7 20.♖e1 e6 21.♗c5 ♖d8 22.♗e7 ♖d7 23.♗a3 ♗d4 24.♖×e6 c5 25.b4 f×e6 26.♗c1 ♖f7 27.♕h3 ♖×f2 28.♕×e6+ ♖f7+ 29.♔h1 ♗e3 30.♕e8+ ♖f8 31.♕e6+ ♔g7 32.♗b2+ ♗d4 33.♗×d4+ c×d4 34.♕e5+ ♔h6 35.h4 ♘e3 36.♕g5+ ♔g7 37.♕e5+ ♖f6 38.♕g5 ♕×g2+ 39.♕×g2 ♘×g2 40.♔×g2 d3 0-1

Plotnick,Jacob (1310) − Ritter,Daniel (1650) [B01] (2)
1.e4 d5 2.e×d5 ♕×d5 3.♘c3 ♕a5 4.♘f3 ♗g4 5.♗e2 ♗×f3 6.♗×f3 c6 7.d3 e6 8.♗d2 ♕c7 9.0-0 ♘f6 10.♖e1 ♗d6 11.h3 ♘bd7 12.♕e2 0-0 13.♘e4 ♘×e4 14.♗×e4 ♘f6 15.♗f3 h6 16.♗c3 ♘d5 17.♗×d5 e×d5 18.♕g4 f6 19.♗d2 ♔h8 20.♕g6 ♕f7 21.♕g4 ♖fe8 22.h4 ♖e5 23.♗c3 ♖ee8 24.g3 ♖×e1+ 25.♖×e1 ♖e8 26.♖×e8+ ♕×e8 27.a3 ♗c5 28.b4 ♗b6 29.♔f1 ♗c7 30.♗d4 a6 31.♗e3 ♗e5 32.♗c1 ♗c3 33.♕e2 ♕d7 34.♔g2 ♔h7 35.d4 ♕f5 36.g4 ♕e4+ 37.♕×e4+ d×e4 38.♗e3 ♗b2 39.a4 ♗c3 40.b5 a×b5 41.a×b5 ♔g6 42.b×c6 b×c6 43.♔g3 f5 44.♔f4 f×g4 45.♔×g4 ♗b4 46.♔f4 ♔h5 47.♔×e4 ♔×h4 48.d5 c×d5+ 49.♔×d5 ♗c3 50.♔c4 ♗e5 51.♔d3 ♔g4 52.c4 h5 53.♔e2 h4 54.♔f1 h3 55.♔g1 ♔f5 56.c5 g5 57.c6 g4 58.f4 ♗c7
½-½

Kelsall,Blake − Reedy,Edward (1448) [B30] (2)
1.e4 c5 2.♗c4 ♘c6 3.♘f3 e6 4.0-0 d6 5.♖e1 a6 6.♘c3 b5 7.♗e2 ♘d4 8.a4 ♘×e2+ 9.♕×e2 b4 10.♘d1 ♗b7 11.d3 h6 12.h4 ♗e7 13.e5 ♗×f3 14.♕×f3 d5 15.c3 ♗×h4 16.♗e3 ♖c8 17.c4 d4 18.♗d2 ♗g5 19.♗×g5 ♕×g5 20.♖e2 ♘e7 21.♕b7 0-0 22.♕×a6 ♘g6 23.g3 ♘×e5 24.♕b7 ♕h5 25.♖×e5 ♕×e5 26.♔f1 ♖b8 27.♕c6 ♖fc8 28.♕f3 b3 29.a5 ♖a8 30.♖a3 ♖cb8 31.♕c6 ♖a7 32.f4 ♕c7 33.♕e4 ♖×a5 34.♖×a5 ♕×a5 35.♕e5 ♕b6 36.g4 ♖c8 37.♔f2 ♕c7 38.♕e4 ♕c6 39.♕e5 ♖e8 40.f5 e×f5 41.♕×f5 ♕f6 42.♕×f6 g×f6 43.♔f1 f5 44.♘f2 ♖e3 45.g×f5 ♖f3 46.♔e2 ♖×f5

47.♘e4 ♖e5 48.♔d2 ♔g7 49.♔c1 f5 50.♘d6 f4 51.♘e4 ♔g6 52.♔d2 h5 53.♔e2 ♖×e4+ 54.d×e4 ♔f6 55.♔f3 ♔e5 56.♔f2 ♔×e4 57.♔e2 d3+ 58.♔d2 ♔f3 59.♔×d3 ♔g2 60.♔e2 f3+ 0-1

Peralta,Luis M (1896) − NM Brashaw, Daniel (2287) [E71] (3)
1.d4 g6 2.c4 ♗g7 3.e4 d6 4.♘c3 ♘f6 5.h3 e5 6.d5 c6 7.♗d3 a6 8.a4 a5 9.♘ge2 ♘a6 10.0-0 ♘b4 11.♗b1 0-0 12.f4 ♘h5 13.f5 g5 14.g4 ♘f4 15.♘×f4 e×f4 16.h4 h6 17.h×g5 h×g5 18.♔g2 ♗e5 19.♖h1 ♔g7 20.♘e2 ♕f6 21.♕d2 ♗d7 22.♖a3 ♖h8 23.♖ah3 c×d5 24.e×d5 ♗×a4 25.b3 ♗d7 26.♖×h8 ♖×h8 27.♖×h8 ♔×h8 28.♗a3 ♕h6 29.♗×b4 a×b4 30.♗e4 ♕h4 31.♗f3 ♗c3 32.♕d1 ♗e1 33.♕d4+ ♔g8 34.♕b6 ♗g3 35.♕g1 b5 36.♘d4 b×c4 37.b×c4 ♗e1 38.♔f1 ♗d2 39.♔e2 ♗e3 40.♕a1 ♕f2+ 41.♔d3 ♗×d4 42.♕a8+ ♔g7 43.f6+ ♗×f6 44.♗d1 ♕e3+ 45.♔c2 ♕c3+ 0-1

Reedy,Edward (1448) − Blade,Thomas A (1855) [A48] (3)
1.d4 ♘f6 2.♘f3 g6 3.♗f4 c5 4.e3 ♗g7 5.c3 c×d4 6.c×d4 0-0 7.♗d3 d5 8.0-0 ♘c6 9.a3 ♖e8 10.♘c3 ♘h5 11.h3 ♘×f4 12.e×f4 a6 13.♘e2 ♕b6 14.♕a4 ♗d7 15.♘e5 ♘×e5 16.♕d1 ♘×d3 17.♕×d3 ♗b5 18.♕d2 ♗×e2 19.♕×e2 ♗×d4 20.♖ad1 e5 21.f5 ♖ad8 22.♖fe1 ♕×b2 23.♕×b2 ♗×b2 24.a4 ♗d4 25.♖d3 ♖c8 26.♔f1 ♖c3 27.♖×d4 e×d4 28.♖×e8+ ♔g7 29.♖d8 ♖c4 30.♖×d5 ♖×a4 31.♖d7 ♖b4 32.♖d6 g×f5 33.h4 a5 34.h5 h6 35.♖d5 b5 36.♖×f5 d3 37.♔e1 a4 38.f4 ♖b2 39.g4 a3 40.g5 a2 41.g×h6+ ♔×h6 0-1

Bammidi,Rahul (1360) − Gudino,Pedro (1758) [B04] (3)
1.e4 ♘f6 2.e5 ♘d5 3.d4 d6 4.♘f3 g6 5.♗e2 ♗g7 6.e×d6 c×d6 7.c4 ♘f6 8.♘c3 ♘bd7 9.♗e3 e5 10.d5 h6 11.h4 ♘h5 12.♕c1 f5 13.g3 ♕f6 14.♘h2 f4 15.♘e4 ♕f8 16.♗×h5 g×h5 17.g×f4 e×f4 18.♗×f4 ♘e5 19.♗×e5 ♗×e5 20.♖b1 ♗f5 21.♕e3 ♕e7 22.♔f1 0-0-0 23.♘f3 ♖hf8 24.♘fd2 ♗f4 25.♕e1 ♖de8 26.f3 ♗×d2 27.♘×d2 ♗×b1 28.♕×e7 ♗d3+ 29.♔f2 ♖×e7 30.♖e1 ♖×e1 31.♔×e1 ♖f4 32.b3 ♖×h4 33.♔f2 b5 34.f4 b×c4 35.b×c4 ♖×f4+ 36.♔e3 ♗×c4 37.♔×f4 ♗×d5 38.a3 ♔c7 39.♔g3 ♔b6 40.♘b1 ♗e4 41.♘c3 d5 42.♔h4 ♔c5 43.♔×h5 ♔c4 44.♘a4 ♔b3 45.♘c5+ ♔×a3 46.♔×h6 a5 47.♔g5 ♔b4 48.♘a6+ ♔a3 49.♔f4 a4 50.♔e3 ♔b2 51.♔d2 a3 52.♘b4 a2 53.♘×a2 ♔×a2 54.♔c3 ♔a3 55.♔d4 ♔b4 56.♔e3 ♔c3 57.♔e2 d4 58.♔d1 d3 59.♔e1 d2+ 60.♔f2 ♗c2 61.♔f3 d1♕+ 62.♔f4 ♕d4+ 63.♔g5 ♕f2 64.♔h6 ♕g1 65.♔h5 ♔d4 66.♔h6 ♕g6# 0-1

Vigil,Jacob T (1125) − Plotnick,Jacob (1310) [B13] (3)
1.e4 c6 2.♘f3 d5 3.e×d5 c×d5 4.d4 ♘c6 5.♘c3 ♘f6 6.♗b5 ♗d7 7.0-0 a6 8.♗×c6 ♗×c6 9.♖e1 g6 10.h3 ♗g7 11.♘e5 0-0 12.♗g5 e6 13.♕f3 ♖c8 14.♘g4 h5 15.♘×f6+ ♔h8 16.h4 ♕b6 17.♘×h5 g×h5 18.♕×h5+ ♔g8 19.♕g4 f5 20.♕e2 ♖fe8 21.h5 ♕×b2 22.♕d2 ♗d7 23.h6 ♖×c3 24.h×g7 ♖×c2 25.♕f4 ♖c4 26.♗f6 ♖c2 27.♕h4 b5 28.♕h8+ ♔f7 29.♕×e8+ ♗×e8 30.♖×e6 ♕×a1+ 31.♔h2 ♖c8 32.♖×a6 ♗c6 0-1

Ritter,Daniel (1650) − Reke,David Edward (1372) [B01] (3)
1.e4 d5 2.e×d5 ♕×d5 3.♘c3 ♕a5 4.d4 ♗f5 5.♗d2 c6 6.♘f3 ♘f6 7.♗c4 h6 8.0-0 e6 9.♗e1 ♗d6 10.♘h4 ♘g4 11.♘e4 ♗×h2+ 12.♔h1 ♕c7 13.♘×f5 ♘e5 14.♘fd6+ ♔e7 15.d×e5 ♗×e5 16.♗b4 ♕d7 17.♘×b7+ ♔e8 18.♘bd6+ ♔e7 19.♘c5 ♕c7 20.♖e1 1-0

Kromphardt,Roger (1412) − Millam, Joseph Ronald (1404) [E00] (3)
1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 e6 3.a3 b6 4.♘c3 ♗a6 5.e4 d6 6.♕f3 ♗b7 7.d5 ♗e7 8.♗d3 ♘bd7 9.♗f4 0 0 10.♘ge2 ♖c8 11.0-0 c6 0-1

NM Brashaw,Daniel (2287) − NM Wan, Joseph Cheng−Yue (2241) [B00] (4)
1.e4 b6 2.♘c3 ♗b7 3.d4 e6 4.♕e2 f5 5.♘f3
½-½

Mueller,Artur (1763) − Sye,David P (1836) [E11] (4)
1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 e6 3.♘f3 ♗b4+ 4.♗d2 a5 5.a3 ♗×d2+ 6.♘b×d2 a4 7.♕c2 d6 8.e4 ♕e7 9.e5 d×e5 10.d×e5 ♘fd7 11.♗d3

♘c6 12.♕c3 ♕c5 13.0-0 ♘d×e5 14.♘×e5 ♕×e5 15.♕c1 h6 16.♖e1 ♕g5 17.♖e3
½-½

Gudino,Pedro (1758) − Peralta,Luis M (1896) [E04] (4)
1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 e6 3.g3 c5 4.♘f3 d5 5.♗g2 d×c4 6.0-0 ♘c6 7.♘e5 ♘×e5 8.d×e5 ♘d5 9.♕a4+ ♕d7 10.♕×c4 b5 11.♕g4 h5 12.♕f3 ♗b7 13.♖d1 ♕c7 14.♕e4 ♖b8 15.♕d3 a6 16.a3 h4 17.e4 ♘b6 18.♘c3 h×g3 19.h×g3 c4 20.♕e2 ♗c5 21.♗e3 ♗e7 22.f4 ♗c6 23.♖d2 a5 24.♕f2 b4 25.♘e2 b×a3 26.b×a3 ♘a4 27.♖c2 ♘b2 28.♘d4 ♘d3 29.♕d2 ♗a4 30.♕×d3 ♗×c2 31.♕×c2 0-0 32.a4 ♖fc8 33.♘b5 ♕b7 34.♘d6 ♗×d6 35.e×d6 ♕d7 36.e5 ♖b3 37.♔f2 f6 38.♖h1 f×e5 39.f×e5 ♖f8+ 40.♗f3 ♖f5 41.♕×f5 e×f5 42.♗d5+ ♕f7 43.e6 1-0

Shukla,Abhyudaya (1710) − Ritter, Daniel (1650) [B01] (4)
1.e4 d5 2.e×d5 ♕×d5 3.♘c3 ♕a5 4.d4 c6 5.♘f3 ♗g4 6.♗d2 ♕c7 7.♗e2 ♗×f3 8.♗×f3 e6 9.♗e3 ♘f6 10.0-0 ♘bd7 11.a3 ♗e7 12.♕d2 0-0 13.♗f4 ♗d6 14.♗×d6 ♕×d6 15.♘e4 ♘×e4 16.♗×e4 ♘f6 17.♗f3 ♖ad8 18.♖ad1 e5 19.c3 e×d4 20.♕×d4 ♕×d4 21.♖×d4 ♖×d4 22.c×d4 ♖d8 23.♖d1 ♔f8 24.♔f1 ♖d6 25.♔e2 ♔e7 26.♔d3 ♔d7 27.♔c4 ♖e6 28.d5 c×d5+ 29.♗×d5 ♘×d5 30.♖×d5+ ♖d6 31.♔c5 ♖×d5+ 32.♔×d5 ♔c7 33.b4 ♔d7 34.a4 ♔c7 35.f4 ♔d7 36.g4 ♔c7 37.h4 ♔d7 38.h5 ♔e7 39.g5 ♔d7 40.f5 ♔e7 41.a5 ♔d7 42.b5 f6 43.g×f6 g×f6 44.a6 b×a6 45.b×a6 h6 46.♔c5 ♔c7 47.♔d5 ♔d7
½-½

Millam,Joseph Ronald (1404) − Plotnick, Jacob (1310) [B19] (4)
1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.♘c3 d×e4 4.♘×e4 ♗f5 5.♘g3 ♗g6 6.h4 h6 7.♘f3 ♘f6 8.h5 ♗h7 9.♗d3 ♗×d3 10.♕×d3 ♘bd7 11.♗f4 e6 12.0-0-0 ♗e7 13.♔b1 ♕b6 14.♘e4 ♘d5 15.♗d6 ♗×d6 16.♘×d6+ ♔e7 17.♘c4 ♕a6 18.♖he1 ♘b4 19.♕b3 ♘d5 20.♘e3 ♘f4 21.♘f5+ ♔f8 22.♘5h4 ♘×h5 23.♕b4+ ♔g8 24.♕e7 ♘f8 25.♘e5 f6 26.♕f7+ ♔h7 27.♘eg6 ♖g8 28.♘×f8+ ♖a×f8 29.♕g6+ ♔h8 30.♕×h5 ♖e8 31.♕f7 ♕b5 32.♖×e6 ♖ef8 33.♘g6+ 1-0

Vigil,Eric Golf (1251) − Reedy,Edward (1448) [D06] (4)
1.d4 d5 2.c4 ♗f5 3.♘c3 e6 4.♘f3 ♘c6 5.♗g5 f6 6.♗f4 ♘ge7 7.e3 a6 8.♘h4 h5 9.♘×f5 ♘×f5 10.c×d5 e×d5 11.a3 g5 12.♗×c7 ♕×c7 13.♘×d5 ♕d8 14.♘c3 ♘fe7 15.♗e2 g4 16.0-0 ♘d5 17.♖c1 ♘×c3 18.♖×c3 ♘e7 19.♕b3 b5 20.♖d1 ♖c8 21.♖dc1 ♖×c3 22.♖×c3 ♖g8 23.♗d3 f5 24.♖c5 ♕d7 25.♖e5 ♔d8 26.♖×e7 ♕×e7 27.♕×g8 ♕d6 28.♗×f5 ♔c7 29.♕g6 ♕d8 30.♕×h5 ♔b6 31.♕×g4 ♕c7 32.g3 ♕c1+ 33.♔g2 ♕×b2 34.a4 b×a4 35.♕g6+ ♔a5 36.♗d3 a3 37.♕×a6+ ♔b4 38.♕b5+ ♔c3 39.♕×b2+ ♔×b2 40.♗c4 ♔c3 41.♗g8 ♔d2 42.h4 ♔d3 43.♔f3 ♔c3 44.g4 ♔b2 45.♔f4 a2 46.♗×a2 ♔×a2 47.♔e4 ♔b3 48.f4 ♔c4 49.f5 ♔b5 50.g5 ♔c6 51.♔e5 ♗d6+ 52.♔e6 ♗f4 53.f6 1-0

Bammidi,Rahul (1360) − Kelsell,Blake [B02] (4)
1.e4 ♘f6 2.e5 ♘e4 3.♗c4 e6 4.♘f3 g6 5.d4 ♘g5 6.♗×g5 ♗e7 7.♕d2 ♘c6 8.♘c3 0-0 9.♘e4 f5 10.♘f6+ ♗×f6 11.♗×f6 ♕e8 12.♕h6 ♖f7 13.♘g5 ♘×d4 14.0-0-0 d5 15.♘×f7 ♕×f7 16.♖×d4 d×c4 17.♖d8+ ♕f8 18.♕g7# 1-0

My problem with chess was that all my pieces wanted to end the game as soon as possible. —Dave Barry

The human element, the human flaw and the human nobility - those are the reasons that chess matches are won or lost. Victor Korchnoi

Chess is not always about winning. Sometimes it's simply about learning. And so is life. –Manny Pacquiao

Once you're a chess player, you spend a lot of time thinking about the game and you can't get it completely out of your head. —Magnus Carlsen

MXA Section

#	Player	ST	Pre	Post	1	2	3	4	T
1	Lodh, Anish	IA	1820*	1892*	W6	W4	W7	D2	3.5
2	Noble, Cub Rollin	IA	1663*	1767*	B0	W9	W6	D1	3.5
3	Harrington-Taber,	IA	1909*	1909*	L9	W5	W8	D4	2.5
4	Chen, Nathan	IA	1837*	1848*	W12	L1	W9	D3	2.5
5	Shukla, Abhyudaya	IA	1759*	1783*	H0	L3	W11	W7	2.5
6	Tan, Ying	NE	2026*	1996*	L1	W12	L2	W11	2.0
7	Divanovic, Edin	IA	1816*	1818*	W10	W8	L1	L5	2.0
8	Peralta, Luis M	IL	1886*	1861*	W11	L7	L3	D9	1.5
9	Gudino, Pedro	IL	1808*	1799*	W3	L2	L4	D8	1.5
10	Freerksen, Jim S	IA	1812*	1770*	L7	L11	D12	B0	1.5
11	Fabian, Mitchell	TX	1716*	1706*	L8	W10	L5	L6	1.0
12	Lu, Morgan	IA	1669*	1660*	L4	L6	D10	U0	0.5

Class B Section

#	Player	ST	Pre	Post	1	2	3	4	T
1	Meyer, Joseph Ric	IA	1723*	1766*	W6	W7	W2	W4	4.0
2	Harder, Tim	IA	1544*	1598*	B0	W3	L1	W5	3.0
3	Carson, Bethany	IA	1614*	1626*	W4	L2	D5	W6	2.5
4	Lapinsky, Stephen	IA	1545*	1540*	L3	B0	W7	L1	2.0
5	Wolz, Dave	IA	1654*	1645*	F0	W6	D3	L2	1.5
6	Tichacek, Jerome	NE	1600*	1556*	L1	L5	B0	L3	1.0
7	Palaniappan, Arju	IA	1551*	1520*	X0	L1	L4	U0	1.0

Class C Section

#	Player	ST	Pre	Post	1	2	3	4	T
1	Kozich, Andrew Jo	IA	1583*	1593*	D6	W8	W9	D2	3.0
2	Vance, Robert S	IA	1384*	1489*	D5	W4	W7	D1	3.0
3	Willett, Joseph	IL	1544*	1541*	W10	D9	D6	D5	2.5
4	Carson, Sarah Fai	IA	1494*	1506*	H0	L2	W11	W6	2.5
5	Pregon, Joseph Je	IA	1432*	1455*	D2	D11	W8	D3	2.5
6	Mackey, Douglas A	IA	1453*	1459*	D1	W12	D3	L4	2.0
7	Reedy, Edward	IL	1460*	1437*	L9	W10	L2	B0	2.0
8	Gatton, Albert A	IA	1361*	1364*	B0	L1	L5	W9	2.0
9	Weinrich, Joseph	IL	1491*	1470*	W7	D3	L1	L8	1.5
10	Jacobs, Steve	IA	1400*	1400*	L3	L7	W12	H0	1.5
11	Power, Josiah Tho	IA	1394*	1381*	H0	D5	L4	U0	1.0
12	Lodh, Anjali	IA	1316*	1281*	H0	L6	L10	U0	0.5

Class D Section

#	Player	ST	Pre	Post	1	2	3	4	T
1	Moerlien, Puwit S	KS	1295*	1328*	W21	W8	W7	D2	3.5
2	Rao, Anjaneya	IA	1186*	1287*	W18	W9	W4	D1	3.5
3	Reke, David Edwar	IA	1389*	1382*	L7	W19	W14	W10	3.0
4	Kriegel, Matthew	IA	1226*	1253*	W12	W10	L2	W6	3.0
5	Lamb, Michael A	IA	1180/13	1177/16	B0	L7	D11	W14	2.5
6	Copeland, Eli	IA	1169*	1193*	W13	D14	W8	L4	2.5
7	Rao, Srinivas	IA	1016/07	1130/11	W3	W5	L1	D11	2.5
8	Vigil, Jacob T	IA	1262*	1221*	W15	L1	L6	W16	2.0
9	Wu, Kyros Yuefan	IA	1198*	1193*	W20	L2	W12	U0	2.0
10	Felgar, Stan	IA	1133*	1116*	W17	L4	W18	L3	2.0
11	Kumar, Aadarsh Da	IA	1042*	1052*	L14	W16	D5	D7	2.0
12	Alvis, Jewels D	IA	937*	945*	L4	W17	L9	W18	2.0
13	Bujakowski, Stan	IA	787*	814*	L6	W15	W19	L17	2.0
14	Carson, Tim	IA	1383*	1324*	W11	D6	L3	L5	1.5
15	Li, Jack	IA	876*	839*	L8	L13	W17	D20	1.5
16	Li, Allison	IA	451/25	583*	D19	L11	W20	L8	1.5
17	Pierce, Benjamin	IA	583*	611*	L10	L12	L15	W13	1.0
18	Blair, Andrew Bol	KS	1300/00	812/04	L2	W20	L10	L12	1.0
19	Wu, Athena Ximeng	IA	1021*	950*	D16	L3	L13	U0	0.5
20	Tan, Sophie	NE	840*	760*	L9	L18	L16	D15	0.5
21	Tan, Isabella	NE	662*	660*	L1	U0	U0	U0	0.0

Class E Section

#	Player	ST	Pre-R	Post-R	Pre-Q	Post-Q	1	2	3	4	5.0	T
1	Ducharme, Aidan	IA	772*	1030*	785*	1040*	W14	W4	W6	W2	W5	5.0
2	Rao, Srinivas	IA	1106/17	1109/22	1211/07	1171/12	W11	W8	W3	L1	W9	4.0
3	Li, Jack	IA	865*	946*	887*	963*	W13	W5	L2	W4	W8	4.0
4	Huss, Brad	IA	1150/03	852/08	1300/00	837/05	W9	L1	W11	L3	W12	3.0
5	Li, Randy	IA	1149/06	1037/11	1149/06	1044/11	W10	L3	W12	W7	L1	3.0
6	Bujakowski, Stan	IA	908*	879*	874*	858*	W12	W7	L1	L9	W11	3.0
7	Martin, James D	IA	737*	714*	864*	824*	W16	L6	W13	L5	W14	3.0
8	Blair, Andrew Bol	KS	718/19	717/24	703/19	704/24	W17	L2	W15	W10	L3	3.0
9	Spry, Ian	IA	634*	661*	645*	671*	L4	W15	W14	W6	L2	3.0
10	Ray, Lucius Paxto	IA	553/05	429/09	553/05	430/09	L5	L13	B0	L8	W16	2.0
11	Suresh, Jacob	IA	547/14	533/19	552/14	537/19	L2	W17	L4	W15	L6	2.0
12	Hu, Mengdie	NE	494/21	490*	492/21	489*	L6	W16	L5	W13	L4	2.0
13	Ducharme, Dylan	IA	182*	240*	198*	253*	L3	W10	L7	L12	B0	2.0
14	Hu, Yuyan Julia	NE	114/09	144/13	114/09	145/13	L1	B0	L9	W17	L7	2.0
15	Toohey, Liam	IA	112/04	182/08	105/04	177/08	B0	L9	L8	L11	W17	2.0
16	Li, Chris	IA	330/00	103/04	330/00	103/04	L7	L12	D17	B0	L10	1.5
17	Madan Prasad, Lal	IA	346/00	103/05	346/00	103/05	L8	L11	D16	L14	L15	0.5

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#	Player	ST	Pre	Post	1	2	3	4	T
1	Wan, Joseph Cheng	IA	2245*	2271*	W16	W9	W11	D2	3.5
2	Kalghatgi, Akhil	IL	2233*	2244*	W18	D6	W8	D1	3.0
3	Bartochowski, Nic	IL	2151*	2162*	W7	D4	D6	W10	3.0
4	Thangavel, Gokul	IA	2023*	2080*	W12	D3	D5	W9	3.0
5	Mathur, Rithwik	WI	2225*	2224*	W14	D8	D4	D6	2.5
6	Xu, Arthur	IL	2043*	2081*	W19	D2	D3	D5	2.5
7	Takahashi, Michae	IA	2047*	2074*	L3	W17	W12	D8	2.5
8	Lehmann, Spencer	IL	2318*	2304*	W17	D5	L2	D7	2.0
9	Rajendra, Avinash	WI	2144*	2139*	W10	L1	W14	L4	2.0
10	Murphy, Ryan	WI	2014*	2025*	L9	W18	W13	L3	2.0
11	Tang, Andrew	MN	2591*	2573*	D13	W19	L1	U0	1.5
12	Kalghatgi, Nikhil	IL	2190*	2167*	L4	W13	L7	D14	1.5
13	Stein, Josiah	WI	2098*	2095*	D11	L12	L10	W17	1.5
14	Borman, Kelly L	WI	1987*	1996*	L5	W16	L9	D12	1.5
15	Neal, James Alex,	IA	2278*	2282*	U0	U0	W16	U0	1.0
16	Rudolph, Joziah S	WI	2082*	2066*	L1	L14	L15	W18	1.0
17	Luo, Brian J	PA	2091*	2061*	L8	L7	D18	L13	0.5
18	Singh, Hersh	WI	2015*	1990*	L2	L10	D17	L16	0.5
19	Saleem, Arshaq	IA	2274*	2258*	L6	L11	U0	U0	0.0

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#	Player	ST	Pre-R	Post-R	Pre-Q	Post-Q	1	2	3	4	5	6	T
1	Litman, Ethan	MN	790*	812*	762*	798*	W26	W16	W5	W2	L3	W6	5.0
2	Jithendra, Amogh	IA	682*	771*	664*	763*	W10	W8	W18	L1	W12	W3	5.0
3	Morris, Cooper Wi	NE	686*	731*	707*	746*	W17	W20	W4	D5	W1	L2	4.5
4	Litman, Nora	MN	498*	624*	452*	634*	W24	W9	L3	D11	W18	W12	4.5
5	Shadrak, Sujan Vi	IA	528*	632*	534*	648*	W23	W6	L1	D3	W11	D8	4.0
6	Tian, Aaron	WI	300/16	559/22	303/16	557/22	W12	L5	W19	W15	W7	L1	4.0
7	Dharmadhikari, Pa	WI	203/10	432/15	167/10	413/15	B0	W19	L12	W10	L6	W15	4.0
8	Kreuser, Joshua J	WI	569/00	604/05	569/00	616/05	X0	L2	W20	D18	W13	D5	4.0
9	Hammes, Wyatt Wil	IA	699/23	622*	766*	682*	W21	L4	L10	D16	W23	W17	3.5
10	Borcherding, Byro	IA	314/13	441/19	338/17	445/23	L2	W24	W9	L7	D17	W18	3.5
11	Combs, Connor Aid	NE	173/13	454/19	540/23	563*	L16	W13	W14	D4	L5	W19	3.5
12	Wood, Dominic	MN	679/22	613*	670/14	607/20	L6	W22	W7	W23	L2	L4	3.0
13	Hammes, Noah Conn	IA	660/19	566/25	679/24	586*	L18	L11	W26	W20	L8	W22	3.0
14	Dodge, Nolan Matt	WI	486/09	415/15	469/09	411/15	W25	L18	L11	W22	L15	W24	3.0
15	Ganshert, Brogan	IA	479/00	427/06	479/00	439/06	L20	W17	W16	L6	W14	L7	3.0
16	Parker, Trenton	IL	479/22	458*	545*	508*	W11	L1	L15	D9	L19	W23	2.5
17	Kuemmel, Stevie D	WI	331/11	355/17	334/11	358/17	L3	L15	W24	W19	D10	L9	2.5
18	Von Ahlefeld, Tho	AL	218/06	348/12	211/07	340/13	W13	W14	L2	D8	L4	L10	2.5
19	Pierce, Benjamin	IA	633*	501*	568*	466*	W22	L7	L6	L17	W16	L11	2.0
20	Schmitz, Nicholas	IA	441/15	389/21	448/15	397/21	W15	L3	L8	L13	L22	W25	2.0
21	Singh, Jiyan	WI	362*	261*	310*	229*	L9	L23	L22	W26	L24	B0	2.0
22	Guliev, Ruslan	NE	210/19	251/25	206/19	245/25	L19	L12	W21	L14	W20	L13	2.0
23	Ducharme, Dylan	IA	240*	258*	253*	273*	L5	W21	W25	L12	L9	L16	2.0
24	Breuer, Daniel J	WI	522/00	226/06	522/00	235/06	L4	L10	L17	W25	W21	L14	2.0
25	Bujakowska, Kryst	IA	210*	150*	260*	162*	L14	D26	L23	L24	B0	L20	1.5
26	Gupta, Ranvir	WI	363/05	247/09	362/05	250/09	L1	D25	L13	L21	U0	U0	0.5

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#	Player	ST	Pre	Post	1	2	3	4	5	T
1	Lodh, Anjali	IA	1325*	1349*	W13	W9	D2	W6	D4	4.0
2	Bayyarapu, Mohit	IL	1292*	1378*	W14	W7	D1	D3	W6	4.0
3	Thompson, Kian	IA	1543*	1517*	W4	L6	W10	D2	W8	3.5
4	Gupta, Radhika	WI	1117*	1227*	L3	W12	W11	W5	D1	3.5
5	Rao, Anjaneya	IA	1299*	1292*	W8	W10	L6	L4	W7	3.0
6	Xu, Eddy	IA	1300*	1322*	W12	W3	W5	L1	L2	3.0
7	Kaur, Aradh	WI	1286*	1256*	W11	L2	D8	W10	L5	2.5
8	Arbid, Hadi Talih	IA	1072*	1091*	L5	W13	D7	W9	L3	2.5
9	Lojewski, Jan Mak	IL	897*	918*	X0	L1	W12	L8	D11	2.5
10	Wu, Kyros Yuefan	IA	1092*	1071*	X0	L5	L3	L7	W14	2.0
11	Wu, Athena Ximeng	IA	1080*	1038*	L7	W14	L4	D13	D9	2.0
12	Kleiman, Benjamin	IA	965*	929*	L6	L4	L9	W14	D13	1.5
13	Nixon, Niko	IA	747*	777*	L1	L8	D14	D11	D12	1.5
14	Fiedorowicz, Isab	IA	922*	853*	L2	L11	D13	L12	L10	0.5

K-12 Open

#	Player	ST	Pre	Post	1	2	3	4	5	T
1	Fiedorowicz, Owen	IA	1746*	1794*	W26	W20	W6	W7	D2	4.5
2	Chen, Nathan	IA	1821*	1843*	W22	W10	W3	D4	D1	4.0
3	Lu, Morgan	IA	1648*	1730*	W24	W8	L2	W17	W4	4.0
4	Thomson, Aaron	MN	1864*	1861*	W21	W14	W5	D2	L3	3.5
5	Sharma, Krish	WI	1693*	1705*	W18	W12	L4	D6	W10	3.5
6	Kozich, Andrew Jo	IA	1602*	1656*	W28	W9	L1	D5	W14	3.5
7	Timm, Jordan Ever	MN	1886*	1863*	W17	D13	W9	L1	D11	3.0
8	Lodh, Anish	IA	1884*	1858*	W11	L3	W13	L10	W15	3.0
9	Bhattacharyya, Sh	WI	1748*	1724*	W16	L6	L7	W28	W19	3.0
10	Traynor, Isaac	MN	1691*	1695*	W19	L2	W26	W8	L5	3.0
11	Pregon, Joseph Je	IA	1549*	1573*	L8	W24	W20	D14	D7	3.0
12	Vigil, Jacob T	IA	1156*	1322*	W15	L5	D25	D19	W17	3.0
13	Pillai, Aditya M	WI	1684*	1666*	W23	D7	L8	L15	W24	2.5
14	Bhattacharyya, Ri	WI	1697*	1670*	W27	L4	W16	D11	L6	2.5
15	Gardner, Marcus	MN	1583*	1563*	L12	W18	D19	W13	L8	2.5
16	Valencia, Donald	IL	1328*	1342*	L9	W28	L14	D24	W20	2.5
17	Jeremiah Benjamin	IL	1557*	1523*	L7	W23	W27	L3	L12	2.0
18	Reddy, Aman	IA	1296*	1291*	L5	L15	L28	W23	W27	2.0
19	Mcmurtrie, Austin	IL	1197*	1265*	L10	W22	D15	D12	L9	2.0
20	Przedwiecki, Alys	WI	1161*	1218*	W25	L1	L11	W27	L16	2.0
21	Vigil, Barry	IA	1436*	1387*	L4	L27	D23	B0	U0	1.5
22	Mannengi, Siva	IA	1359*	1318*	L2	L19	L24	D25	W28	1.5
23	Copeland, Eli	IA	1249*	1226*	L13	L17	D21	L18	B0	1.5
24	Bergal, Timothy M	IA	1219*	1244*	L3	L11	W22	D16	L13	1.5
25	Rane, Sidharth H	WI	1480*	1402*	L20	L26	D12	D22	U0	1.0
26	Chugh, Kunal	IA	1285*	1309*	L1	W25	L10	U0	U0	1.0
27	Chaudhuri, Shanta	WI	1219*	1202*	L14	W21	L17	L20	L18	1.0
28	Prasad, Mrithuul	IA	1208*	1201*	L6	L16	W18	L9	L22	1.0

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#	Player	ST	Pre-R	Post-R	Pre-Q	Post-Q	1	2	3	4	5	6	T
1	Panner, Gabriel	IL	1183*	1293*	1085*	1224*	W22	W2	W13	W12	W3	W4	6.0
2	Sellon, Audrey Ma	IA	906*	1095*	904*	1041*	W17	L1	W26	W19	W13	W8	5.0
3	Bates, Jade	IL	979*	1055*	916*	1001*	W26	W6	D10	W20	L1	W9	4.5
4	Gilbertson, Camer	IA	943*	1051*	947*	1003*	D9	W11	D8	W10	W6	L1	4.0
5	Sebastian, Benjam	MN	923*	972*	880/25	944*	W24	L10	W9	L6	W19	W15	4.0
6	Li, Jack	IA	971*	978*	963*	964*	W18	L3	W23	W5	L4	W10	4.0
7	Stage, Harrison K	MN	796*	921*	601*	810*	L8	L16	W21	W25	W24	W13	4.0
8	Kane Stewart, Osc	MN	1152*	1131*	810*	892*	W7	L20	D4	W16	W12	L2	3.5
9	Ducharme, Aidan	IA	1119*	1087*	1073*	1035*	D4	W15	L5	W22	W20	L3	3.5
10	Wang, Eric	WI	405/05	692/10	405/05	676/10	B0	W5	D3	L4	W14	L6	3.5
11	Alaya, Yusef Fadi	IA	1022*	983*	1033*	967*	D15	L4	L16	W27	W21	D12	3.0
12	Kumar, Vijay	NE	1120*	1080*	1089*	1031*	W25	W14	D20	L1	L8	D11	3.0
13	Kroog, Nicholas R	WI	935*	947*	851/18	873/24	W23	W19	L1	W24	L2	L7	3.0
14	Bharadwaj, Krishn	IA	904*	861*	900*	842*	W27	L12	L24	W26	L10	W20	3.0
15	Harwani, Ishan S	IA	816*	861*	831*	837*	D11	L9	D22	W23	W16	L5	3.0
16	Li, Allison	IA	1048*	1013*	552*	730*	L20	W7	W11	L8	L15	W22	3.0
17	White, Branden Ro	WI	572/06	645/10	538/06	618/10	L2	F0	L18	B0	W26	W23	3.0
18	Pezewski, Reid Al	WI	526/16	632/20	515/16	616/20	L6	F0	W17	L21	B0	W26	3.0
19	Saravanapandi, Ka	MN	1371/07	1145/13	1371/07	1130/13	W21	L13	W25	L2	L5	W24	3.0
20	Williams, James J	IA	950*	958*	825*	832*	W16	W8	D12	L3	L9	L14	2.5
21	Bates, Gannon	IL	835*	782*	835*	770*	L19	L24	L7	W18	L11	W27	2.0
22	Vidal, Francesca	NE	836/16	830/21	788*	767*	L1	H0	D15	L9	W25	L16	2.0
23	Shabazzjones, Na	IA	737*	672*	748*	671*	L13	X0	L6	L15	W27	L17	2.0
24	Jain, Pakshal M	IA	675*	722*	695*	716*	L5	W21	W14	L13	L7	L19	2.0
25	Acherkan, Lisa	IA	804*	755*	807*	739*	L12	W27	L19	L7	L22	H0	1.5
26	Wei, Malcom	IL	800*	686*	769*	654*	L3	X0	L2	L14	L17	L18	1.0
27	Greenspan, Jonath	WI	560/05	473/10	552/05	464/10	L14	L25	B0	L11	L23	L21	1.0

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#	Player	ST	Pre-R	Post-R	Pre-Q	Post-Q	1	2	3	4	5	6	T
1	Browne, Alexander	MN	1167*	1190*	1025*	1073*	W7	W10	W2	W3	W8	W9	6.0
2	Nixon, Nolon	IA	698*	870*	703*	824*	W8	W9	L1	W4	W5	L3	4.0
3	Suresh, Arjun	WI	884*	908*	572*	786*	D5	W7	W4	L1	D6	W2	4.0
4	Li, Awen G	IA	474*	751*	650*	762*	W6	W5	L3	L2	W10	W8	4.0
5	Kaur, Jind	WI	946*	891*	710*	716*	D3	L4	W7	W6	L2	W12	3.5
6	Harwani, Aryan	IA	626*	644*	656*	643*	L4	W12	D9	L5	D3	W11	3.0
7	Ji, Austin Yongqi	IA	622*	645*	724*	700*	L1	L3	L5	W12	W11	W10	3.0
8	Chaudhuri, Shauna	WI	540*	654*	528*	643*	L2	W11	W10	W9	L1	L4	3.0
9	Bujakowski, Stan	IA	879*	798*	858*	772*	W11	L2	D6	L8	W12	L1	2.5
10	Matcha, Madan	IA	717*	641*	753*	667*	W12	L1	L8	W11	L4	L7	2.0
11	Kane, Jack	FL	547*	462*	527*	453*	L9	L8	W12	L10	L7	L6	1.0
12	Gowda, Siddanth Y	IA	165/10	142/16	153/16	131/22	L10	L6	L11	L7	L9	L5	0.0

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#	Player	ST	Pre-R	Post-R	Pre-Q	Post-Q	1	2	3	4	T
1	Darr, Benjamin J	IA	1788*	1791*	1597*	1609*	H0	W6	W4	W5	3.5
2	Dutiel, Tony	NE	1834*	1818*	1824*	1803*	W9	D4	D3	W7	3.0
3	Mills, Michael	NE	1762*	1750*	1610*	1605*	W7	D8	D2	X0	3.0
4	Fiedorowicz, Jess	IA	1259*	1288*	1298*	1321*	W11	D2	L1	W10	2.5
5	Timm, Jeffrey Way	MN	864*	1023*	860*	1025*	W8	D11	W6	L1	2.5
6	Rao, Srinivas	IA	1109/22	1101*	1171/12	1153/16	W10	L1	L5	W11	2.0
7	Suresh, Krishnan	WI	1076*	1122*	926/11	989/14	L3	B0	W8	L2	2.0
8	Litman, Dana	MN	1308*	1256*	1262/14	1203/17	L5	D3	L7	B0	1.5
9	Acherkan, Dmitriy	IA	1048/19	1036/21	1070/23	1059/25	L2	D10	B0	F0	1.5
10	Greenspan, Daniel	WI	1300/00	874/04	1300/00	909/04	L6	D9	D11	L4	1.0
11	Mcmurtrie, David	IL	1300/00	886/04	1300/00	916/04	L4	D5	D10	L6	1.0

Kalghatgi,Akhil (2233) − Singh,Hersh (2015) [D36] (1)
1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.♘c3 ♘f6 4.c×d5 e×d5 5.♗g5 c6 6.♕c2 ♗e7 7.e3 0-0 8.♗d3 ♘bd7 9.♘ge2 ♖e8 10.0-0 ♘f8 11.f3 ♗e6 12.♖ad1 ♖c8 13.♘f4 ♘6d7 14.♗×e7 ♕×e7 15.e4 d×e4 16.f×e4 ♘b6 17.♕f2 c5 18.d5 ♗g4 19.♖d2 c4 20.♗c2 ♕c5 21.♖e1 ♕×f2+ 22.♔×f2 ♖e5 23.♖e3 ♘g6 24.♘×g6 h×g6 25.♔g3 ♗d7 26.♘e2 ♖ce8 27.♖a3 a6 28.♘d4 f6 29.♘f3 ♖5e7 30.♖e3 ♗a4 31.b3 c×b3 32.a×b3 ♗b5 33.e5 f×e5 34.♗×g6 ♖d8 35.♖×e5 ♖ed7 36.♘g5 ♖d6 37.♗f7+ ♔f8 38.♗e6 ♔e7 39.♖f2 ♗e8 40.♗g4+ ♖e6 41.♖×e6+ ♔d7 42.♖×b6+ ♔c7 43.♖e6 ♗d7 44.♖f7 ♔c8 45.♖ee7 ♗×g4 46.♖c7+ ♔b8 47.♖×b7+ ♔a8 48.♖a7+ ♔b8 49.♔×g4 ♖×d5 50.♖fb7+ ♔c8 51.♖×g7 ♔b8 52.♖af7 ♖d4+ 53.♔h5 ♖d8 54.♘e6 ♖h8+ 55.♔g6 ♖e8 56.♘c5 a5 57.♘a6+ ♔c8 58.♖c7+ ♔d8 59.♖gd7# 1-0

Rao,Srinivas (1109) − Greenspan,Daniel [D00] (1)
1.d4 d5 2.♗f4 e6 3.e3 ♗d6 4.♗g3 ♗×g3 5.h×g3 ♘f6 6.♗d3 0-0 7.♘f3 ♘c6 8.♘bd2 ♖e8 9.c3 e5 10.d×e5 ♘×e5 11.♘×e5 ♖×e5 12.♕e2 ♕d6 13.0-0-0 ♕a6 14.♗×a6 b×a6 15.♘f3 ♖b8 16.♘×e5 g5 17.f3 ♗e6 18.♘g4 ♔g7 19.♘×f6 ♔×f6 20.♖h6+ ♔g7 21.♖dh1 ♖h8 22.♕d3 f5 23.♕d4+ ♔g8 24.♖×e6 1-0

Bartochowski,Nicholas (2151) − Thangavel, Gokul (2023) [C06] (2)
1.d4 e6 2.e4 d5 3.♘d2 ♘f6 4.e5 ♘fd7 5.♗d3 c5 6.c3 ♘c6 7.♘gf3 ♗e7 8.0 0 b6 9.♖e1 ♗b7 10.a3 c4 11.♗c2 b5 12.b3 c×b3 13.♗×b3 ♘b6 14.♘f1 ♘a5 15.♗c2 ♘ac4 16.♘g3 h5 17.♘e2 a5
½-½

Tang,Andrew (2591) − Saleem, Arshaq (2274) [A45] (2)
1.d4 ♘f6 2.♗f4 g6 3.♘c3 d5 4.e3 c6 5.h4 ♕b6 6.a3 ♗g7 7.♗d3 h5 8.♘ge2 0-0 9.0-0 ♘bd7 10.b4 ♖e8 11.♕d2 e5 12.d×e5 ♘×e5 13.♘d4 ♘fg4 14.♗e2 ♕d8 15.f3 ♘f6 16.♗g5 ♕c7 17.♖ad1 ♘h7 18.e4 d×e4 19.♘×e4 ♘g4 20.♗f4 ♗×d4+ 21.♔h1 ♗e5 22.f×g4 ♗×g4 23.♗×g4 h×g4 24.♗×e5 ♕×e5 25.♘d6 ♖ed8 26.♘×f7 ♖×d2 27.♘×e5 ♖ad8 28.♖de1 ♖×c2 29.♘×g6 ♖dd2 30.♖e8+ ♔g7 31.♘e5 ♖f2 32.♖e7+ ♔g8 33.♖×f2 ♖×f2 34.♘×g4 ♖a2 35.♖×b7 ♖×a3 36.♘h6+ ♔h8 37.g4 ♖h3+ 38.♔g2 ♖×h4 39.♖b8+ 1-0

Mathur,Rithwik (2225) − Lehmann, Spencer (2318) (2)
1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 e6 3.♘c3 ♗b4 4.e3 0-0 5.♗d3 c5 6.♘f3 b6 7.0-0 ♗b7 8.♗d2 d5 9.c×d5
½-½

Singh,Hersh (2015) − Murphy,Ryan (2014) [A61] (2)
1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 e6 4.♘c3 e×d5 5.c×d5 d6 6.♘f3 g6 7.♗f4 ♗g7 8.h3 0-0 9.e3 a6 10.a4 ♘h5 11.♗h2 f5 12.♗d3 f4 13.0-0 ♘d7 14.♕e2 ♘e5 15.♘×e5 ♗×e5 16.♔h1 f3 17.g×f3 ♗×h2 18.♔×h2 ♕h4 19.♖h1 ♗×h3 20.f4 ♖×f4 21.e×f4 ♘×f4 22.f3 ♗g2+ 23.♔g1 ♕×h1+ 24.♔f2 ♕h4+ 25.♔g1 ♘×e2+ 26.♗×e2 ♕h1+ 27.♔f2 ♕×a1 28.♔×g2 ♕×b2 29.♔f2 ♕×c3 30.a5 ♖e8 31.♔f1 ♕e3 32.f4 ♕×e2+ 33.♔g1 ♖e3 34.♔h1 ♕f1+ 0-1

Darr,Ben (1788) − Srinivas,Rao (1109) [B21] (2)
1.e4 c5 2.d4 c×d4 3.c3 d×c3 4.♘×c3 ♘c6 5.♘f3 e5 6.♗c4 f6 7.0-0 ♗c5 8.♗×g8 ♖×g8 9.♕d5 ♖f8 10.♕×c5 d6 11.♕b5 a6 12.♕e2 ♗g4 13.♗e3 ♖c8 14.♖fd1 ♖f7 15.h3 ♗h5 16.♘d5 g5 17.g4 ♗×g4 18.h×g4 ♕d7 19.♘h2 1-0

Luo,Brian (2091) − Takahashi,Michael (2047) [C06] (2)
1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.♘d2 a6 4.♘gf3 ♘f6 5.♗d3 c5 6.c3 ♘c6 7.e5 ♘d7 8.0-0 g5 9.h3 h5 10.g4 ♗e7 11.♖e1 ♕b6 12.d×c5 ♗×c5 13.♕e2 ♕c7 14.♘f1 ♗e7 15.♘g3 h×g4 16.h×g4 ♖g8 17.c4 d×c4 18.♗×c4 ♘b6 19.♗e3 ♘×c4 20.♕×c4 ♗d7 21.a4 ♖c8 22.♕e4 ♖g6 23.♔g2 ♘b4 24.♖h1 ♗c6 25.♖h8+ ♔d7 26.♕d4+ ♗d5 27.♖×c8 ♔×c8 28.♖c1 ♘c6 29.♕d1 ♕×e5 30.♔f1 ♗×f3 31.♕×f3 ♖f6 32.♖×c6+ ♔b8 33.♕e4 ♕×g3 34.♖b6 ♕c7 35.♗d4 ♖f4 36.♕e3 ♕c4+ 0-1

Xu,Arthur (2043) − Kalghatgi,Akhil (2233) [B41] (2)

1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 e6 3.d4 c×d4 4.♘×d4 a6 5.c4 ♘f6 6.♘c3 ♕c7 7.a3 ♘c6 8.♗e3 ♗e7 9.♗e2 0-0 10.0-0 d6 11.f3 b6 12.♖c1 ♘×d4 13.♗×d4 ♗b7 14.♕d2 ♖ac8 15.b4 ♘d7 16.♖c2 ♕b8 17.♖b1 ♗d8 18.a4 ♗c7 19.h3 ♕a8 20.♖cb2 ♗d8 21.a5 b×a5 22.b×a5 ♗c6 23.♗b6 ♗f6 24.♖c2 ♘×b6 25.a×b6 ♖fd8 26.♖a2 ♕b7 27.♕e3 ♖a8 28.♖a5 ♖d7 29.♔h1 ♕c8 30.♘a2 ♗b7 31.♘b4 ♗d8 32.♖ba1 h6 33.e5 d×e5 34.c5 ♗g5 35.♕a3 ♗d2 36.c6 ♗×c6 37.♗×a6 ♗b7 38.♗×b7 ♖×a5 39.♗×c8 ♖×a3 40.♖×a3 ♗×b4 41.♖b3 ♖d1+ 42.♔h2 ♗d6 43.g3 ♔f8 44.b7 ♗b8 45.♖a3 ♖d2+ 46.♔h1 ♖b2 47.♖a8
½-½

Fiedorowicz,Jess (1259) − Darr,Ben (1788) [C31] (2)
1.e4 e5 2.f4 d5 3.e×d5 c6 4.d×c6 ♘×c6 5.♘f3 e×f4 6.♗c4 ♗d6 7.♘c3 ♘ge7 8.d3 0-0 9.♘e4 ♗g4 10.♘×d6 ♕×d6 11.h3 ♗h5 12.d4 ♕b4+ 13.c3 ♕×c4 14.♗×f4 ♘d5 15.♗d2 ♖fe8+ 16.♔f2 ♘f6 17.g4 ♗g6 18.♗f4 ♖ad8 19.♗g5 ♘e4+ 20.♔g2 ♘×g5 21.♘×g5 ♕e2+ 22.♕×e2 ♖×e2+ 23.♔f3 ♖de8 24.b4 h6 25.♘×f7 ♗×f7 26.♔f4 g5+ 27.♔f5 ♖f2# 0-1

Annotated by NM Joseph Wan

Wan,Joseph (NM) (2245) − Tang, Andrew (GM) (2591) [C55] (3)

[I was definitely surprised to be the only person with a perfect score after two rounds. One might've expected GM Andrew Tang to do better than his 1 draw, 1 win. However, I was very glad to find that I would be playing Tang in round 3.]

1.e4 e5 [Expected, as I had seen Andrew play the King's Pawn many, many times, on the internet and over the board.] **2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.♗c4** [Opting to go for a quiet Italian Game instead of a Ruy Lopez or Scotch.] **3...♘f6 4.d3 h6!?** [I was a little bit confused on this move, then I realized Black means to play . .. g5 or ... g6. Here I made note not to castle too early, lest I get killed like Aronian in his game vs Kramnik in the 2018 Berlin Candidates.] **5.♘bd2 d6 6.c3 g5!?** [Wow! I was looking at Black's "g" pawn ideas, but certainly I didn't expect it now! I would've assumed Black to wait until I had castled to do so.] **7.h3 ♗g7 8.♘f1** [With his early advance of the "g" pawn, Black has made a lot of light squares weak, namely "d5" and "f5". So I planned to move the knight to either"e3" or "g3" to target those squares.] **8...♕e7 9.♘e3** [On "e3", the knight also supports the bishop, while eyeing key squares mentioned above.] **9...♗e6 10.♕c2** [Key move! This move indirectly protects White's "e" pawn, and should Black ever initiate the exchange of bishops, White will take with the pawn!] **10...0-0-0** [10...♗×c4 11.d×c4!±] **11.♗d5** [Interesting. White threatens to take Black's knight and ruin his pawn structure.] **11...♘b8 12.♗×e6+ f×e6 13.d4?!** [However, this is an inaccuracy. I had seen what follows, but didn't realize that White would be worse. White should just keep still and keep his pawn structure intact. 13.♗d2 ♖hf8 14.0-0-0 ♘bd7 15.♔b1 with a balanced game.] **13...e×d4 14.c×d4 ♖hf8!** [I underestimated the strength behind this move. Now Black threatens the mighty ... d5, when White will be forced to concede the light squares. The Black rook will also assist very well on the "f" file.] **15.♗d2 ♘h5** [15...d5! 16.e5 ♘e4 17.♖c1 ♘c6 18.♕d3 ♔b8∓ The position is evidently slightly uncomfortable for White.] **16.♗c3 ♘f4 17.♘h2!?** [The computer likes 17.♘d2 ♘c6 18.g3 ♘h5 19.♘b3 ♘f6 20.0-0-0 d5 21.f3=] **17...♘c6 18.0-0-0 d5?** [Allowing White a neat resource and a chance to take the advantage again. 18...♕f7! 19.♔b1 d5 20.e5 ♔b8 21.a3 a6∓ Black is better because of White's horrible bishop and his greater activity.] **19.g3!** [Offering a free pawn?] **19...♘×h3 20.♘hg4** [Nope! The Black knight is now trapped, and now forced is...] **20...h5 21.♖×h3 h×g4** [A key decision needs to be made here. I realized that if I immediately recaptured the pawn, my rook would be stuck, useless, on "h3", while Black has tons of activity with his

pieces pointing at "d4". I realized also that the pawn wasn't going anywhere, so I decided, rightly, to activate my rook.] **22.♖h7! ♖d7!?** [22...♖f7 23.♘×g4 d×e4 24.♕×e4 ♖d6 25.♖d2 a6 26.♘h6 ♗×h6 27.♖×h6=] **23.♘×g4** [And now the recapture comes! Here, Black's position is a bit difficult to play, because next move White might go e5, and cramp the bishop forever, while supporting the "h7" rook.] **23...d×e4??** [But still, no reason to blunder! 23...♕f7 24.♔b1 ♖fd8 25.e5 ♕f3 26.♘h2 ♕f7 27.♘g4=] **24.d5!** [Unleashing the bishop that had sat so patiently on "c3" for a long time. With the double attack, on the knight and the bishop, Black is lost.] **24...♘b4** [Tang thought for a long time, and eventually opted for the most testing reply. Does White take the bishop, or move his queen?] **25.♕a4!** [Move the queen it is! Now not only are the knight and bishop still under fire, the "a7" pawn is hanging as well! And taking that with the queen would threaten mate! 25.♖×g7?? ♘×a2+ 26.♔d2 ♕c5 27.♕a4 ♖×d5+ 28.♔c2 ♖×d1 29.♔×d1 ♘×c3+ 30.b×c3 ♕×c3=] **25...♘d3+** [Tricky tricky. But White needn't be afraid!] **26.♖×d3!** [Chopping the knight off gains a tempo to gobble other pieces!] **26...e×d3 27.♕×a7** [Threatening mate on the move!] **27...d2+!?** [Throwing in a cheeky check, hoping White will make a misstep. However, I had seen this and had other plans.] **28.♔d1!** [Pretty easy to see, once you know that all the other replies fail to make Black pay for his mistake. 28.♔×d2?? ♗×c3+ 29.♔e2 e×d5+ 30.♖×e7 ♖×e7+ 31.♔f1 ♗g7 32.♕a8+ ♔d7 33.♕×b7±; 28.♗×d2?? ♖×d5±; 28.♔c2?? ♖×d5 29.♔d1 e5 30.♕a8+ ♔d7 31.♕×b7±] **28...♖×d5** [Forced.] **29.♖×g7** [Now White takes the booty. Note if the queen moves, ♕a8 mates again! So Black is forced to block.] **29...♖f7 30.♖g8+** [Funny how the queen has been sitting on "a7" for a while, but the rook is the one that gives the killer check. Black's king must step up, all other replies lose big chunks of material.] **30...♔d7** [30...♖f8 31.♖×f8+ ♕×f8 32.♕a8+; 30...♖d8 31.♕a8+ ♔d7 32.♘e5+ ♔d6 33.♖×d8+ ♕×d8 34.♕×d8+ mate will soon come.] **31.♘e5+** [Winning, but missing a more accurate move. An engine move, I would say. In my opinion, this is a clearer way to get a win. 31.♕×b7! ♖ff5 32.♖g7 ♖f7 33.♘f6+ ♕×f6 34.♗×f6+-] **31...♔d6** [Allowing me a brilliant finish. 31...♖×e5 32.♗×e5+- Note how the White queen covers "f2"!] **32.♖d8+!** [Here the GM resigned, as there will be a nasty fork on "f7" once the queen takes the rook. This game was definitely a checkpoint for me, because I was able to take down my first Grandmaster, playing a pretty solid game, only one little misstep in the opening. After the blunder by Tang, I was able to punish swiftly with a series of accurate moves. This game also brought me to my peak in rating, which was awesome especially as I had dropped 50 points the previous half a year. Thanks to Jim Hodina, Bill Broich, and Eric Vigil for organizing and directing such a wonderful and fun tournament!] **1-0**

Thangavel,Gokul (2023) − Mathur, Rithwik (2225) [E61] (3)
1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 g6 3.♘f3 ♗g7 4.♘c3 0-0 5.♗g5 d6 6.e3 ♘bd7 7.♕c2 b6 8.♗e2 ♗b7 9.0-0 e6 10.♖fd1 h6 11.♗h4 g5 12.♗g3 ♘h5 13.♘d2 ♘×g3 14.f×g3 f5 15.♗f3 ♗×f3 16.♘×f3 g4 17.♘h4 ♕g5 18.♕e2 a6 19.a4 ♘f6
½-½

Borman,Kelly (1987) − Rajendra, Avinash (2144) [A20] (3)
1.c4 e5 2.g3 c6 3.d4 e4 4.♗g2 d5 5.♘c3 ♘f6 6.c×d5 c×d5 7.♗g5 ♘bd7 8.♘h3 h6 9.♗×f6 ♘×f6 10.♕b3 ♗d6 11.0-0 ♗e6 12.f3 0-0 13.♘f2 e×f3 14.e×f3 ♕a5 15.♕b5 ♗c7 16.♖ac1 ♕×b5 17.♘×b5 ♗b6 18.♘c7 ♖ac8 19.♘×e6 f×e6 20.♗h3 ♔f7 21.♖fe1 ♖×c1 22.♖×c1 ♖e8 23.♔f1 ♗×d4 24.♖c7+ ♖e7 25.♖×e7+ ♔×e7 26.♘d3 e5 27.b3 ♔d6 28.♔e2 g5 29.♗f5 e4 30.f×e4 d×e4 31.♘b4 ♔e5 32.♗c8 a5 33.♘c2 b6 34.♘a3 ♗c5 35.♘b1 ♔d4 36.♗e6 h5 37.♔d2 h4 38.g×h4 g×h4 39.h3 ♘h5 40.♗g4 ♘f4 41.♔d1 e3 0-1

Bartochowski,Nicholas (2151) − Xu,

Arthur (2043) [D00] (3)
1.d4 d5 2.♗f4 ♘c6 3.♘c3 ♗g4 4.♕d2 e6 5.0-0-0 a6 6.f3 ♗h5 7.h4 f6 8.g4 ♗f7 9.e4 ♗d6 10.e×d5 e×d5 11.♘ge2 ♘ge7 12.h5 b5 13.♘g3 ♕d7 14.♗h3 g6 15.h×g6 h×g6 16.♗g2 0-0-0 17.♔b1 ½-½

Thangavel,Gokul (2023) − Kalghatgi, Nikhil (2190) [E61] (1)
1.d4 g6 2.c4 ♗g7 3.♘f3 d6 4.♘c3 ♘d7 5.♕c2 e5 6.♗g5 ♘gf6 7.e3 0-0 8.♗e2 h6 9.♗h4 ♖e8 10.0-0 g5 11.♗g3 e4 12.♘d2 ♕e7 13.b4 ♘f8 14.♖fd1 h5 15.h3 ♗f5 16.♖ac1 g4 17.h×g4 h×g4 18.♗h4 c6 19.c5 d5 20.b5 ♘g6 21.♗g5 ♕c7 22.♗×f6 ♗×f6 23.♘f1 ♗d7 24.♖b1 ♔g7 25.b6 a×b6 26.♖×b6 ♖ad8 27.♖db1 ♗c8 28.♕d1 ♖h8 29.♗×g4 ♗×g4 30.♕×g4 ♖h4 31.♕d1 ♖dh8 32.♘g3 ♖h1+ 33.♘×h1 ♕h2+ 34.♔f1 ♕×h1+ 35.♔e2 ♕×g2 36.♕g1 ♕f3+ 37.♔d2 ♗×d4 38.♖×b7 ♗×c3+ 39.♔×c3 ♕e2 40.♕f1 ♕×a2 41.♖a1 d4+ 42.e×d4 ♕e6 43.♕c4 ♖h3+ 44.♔b4 ♕f6 45.♖aa7 ♘h8 46.♖a3 ♖×a3 47.♔×a3 ♕×f2 48.♖b2 ♕f5 49.♕c3 ♕d5 50.♕e3 ♘g6 51.♖e2 f5 52.♖h2 f4 53.♕h3 ♕×d4 54.♕h6+ ♔f6 55.♖h5 ♕c3+ 56.♔a4 ♕c4+ 57.♔a3 ♕c1+ 58.♔a4 ♕c2+ 59.♔a3 ♕d3+ 60.♔a2 1-0

Singh,Hersh (2015) − Luo,Brian (2091) [D35] (3)
1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.♘f3 ♘f6 4.♘c3 e6 5.♗g5 ♗e7 6.e3 ♘bd7 7.c×d5 e×d5 8.♗d3 0-0 9.0-0 ♘e4 10.♗×e4 ♗×g5 11.♗d3 ♗e7 12.♖e1 ♗d6 13.a3 ♕e7 14.♘e2 ♘f6 15.♘g3 ♘e4 16.♗×e4 d×e4 17.♘d2 f5 18.♘c4 ♗c7 19.♕b3 ♔h8 20.♘d2 ♖b8 21.♕c2 ♗e6 22.♕c5 ♗d6 23.♕a5 b6 24.♕a6 c5 25.d×c5 ♗×c5 26.b4 ♗c8 27.♕b5 ♗d7 28.♕a6 ♗c8 29.♕b5 ♗d6 30.♖ed1 f4 31.♘g×e4 f×e3 32.♘×d6 e×f2+ 33.♔h1 ♕×d6 34.♘f3 ♕f4 35.♕e2 ♗b7 ½-½

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Open

#	Player	ST	Pre-R	Post-R	Pre-Q	Post-Q	1	2	3	4	T
1	Brashaw, Daniel	IA	2289*	2288*	2135*	2133*	W10	W9	D2	W3	3.5
2	Takahashi, Michae	IA	2031*	2047*	1807*	1845*	W4	D3	D1	W5	3.0
3	Harrington-Taber,	IA	1909*	1930*	1773*	1794*	W8	D2	W9	L1	2.5
4	Mills, Michael	NE	1759*	1762*	1600*	1610*	L2	W7	D6	X0	2.5
5	Cusumano, Steven	NE	1937*	1917*	1842*	1814*	D7	D6	W10	L2	2.0
6	Hesse, Thomas	IA	1729*	1733*	1704*	1695*	H0	D5	D4	D7	2.0
7	Lapinsky, Stephen	IA	1525*	1589*	1382*	1466*	D5	L4	W11	D6	2.0
8	Abusharkh, Mustaf	IL	1450/02	1663/06	1473/07	1480/11	L3	L11	W12	W10	2.0
9	Fee, Kenneth E, J	MO	1900*	1884*	1821*	1801*	W12	L1	L3	H0	1.5
10	Noble, Cub Rollin	IA	1789*	1758*	1534*	1507*	L1	W12	L5	L8	1.0
11	Salazar, Conrado	KS	1732*	1722*	1603*	1589*	U0	W8	L7	U0	1.0
12	Prasad, Mrithuul	IA	1215*	1208*	1077*	1068*	L9	L10	L8	F0	0.0

Reserve

#	Player	ST	Pre-R	Post-R	Pre-Q	Post-Q	1	2	3	4	T
1	Pattrick, Earney	MO	1519*	1548*	1331*	1387*	W7	W6	W2	W5	4.0
2	Jacobs, Steve	IA	1400*	1425*	1200*	1276*	W10	W4	L1	W7	3.0
3	Prince, Lee	IA	1288*	1349*	1327*	1357*	W5	W7	D4	H0	3.0
4	Peters, Carl H, D	IA	1484*	1460*	1461/20	1432/24	W8	L2	D3	W9	2.5
5	Ducharme, Aidan	IA	1030*	1119*	1040*	1073*	L3	W8	W6	L1	2.0
6	Ozias, Darryl	IA	1300/03	1179/06	782/03	857/06	W9	L1	L5	H0	1.5
7	Henke, Ken	IA	1275*	1241*	1240/14	1196/18	L1	L3	W9	L2	1.0
8	Gray, Rex H	IA	1195*	1154*	1152*	1109*	L4	L5	B0	U0	1.0
9	Soni, Anirudh Ana	IA	900/20	880/23	922/16	875/19	L6	X0	L7	L4	1.0
10	Huss, Brad	IA	852/08	852/09	837/05	837/06	L2	F0	U0	U0	0.0

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